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## Saudis hope Iran will stop wrongdoing

# Don't push too far, warns Fahd

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

KING Fahd of Saudi Arabia has warned Iran not to push him too far, and threatened to use CSS-2 missiles purchased from China to defend his country if necessary.

In an interview with the daily Al-Sayid, he also said Kuwait had set an example in tackling the Kuwaiti airliner hijack ordeal, and proved that terrorism could not be successful under any circumstances.

King Fahd accused the Iranians of seeking to occupy the Holy Kaaba in Makkah, during the annual Muslim pilgrimage, or hajj, last year.

Fahd said that the intermediate-range CSS-2 missiles, "designed to shore up Saudi defence capabilities, will be used if our country is exposed to any threat."



Fahd: tolerant.

week citing Iranian threats. The Saudis said their decision to break relations with Tehran also stemmed from the storming of the Saudi Embassy in Tehran and the death of a Saudi diplomat following the Makkah riots as well as Iranian attacks on neutral ships in the Gulf.

### Peace-loving

"We hope that we will not be forced to use this defensive capability because we know that the region's people want to live in peace and security. But if we are obliged, we will have no alternative," he said.

"Our spirit of tolerance should not motivate the Iranians to believe that we are weak."

"We hope Iran will stop its wrongdoing because we do not want it to test the ability of our people in defending themselves," Fahd said.

The interview was taken before Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic ties with Iran last

Saudi Arabia's "circumstances in the holy lands."

Saudi Arabia, the monarch said, had told Iran that Makkah cannot accommodate the increasing number of pilgrims, and requested three years to make necessary preparations.

"We told the Iranians to give us time to make the necessary preparations to accommodate more pilgrims."

But the Iranians wanted to flout haj regulations to the disapproval of all Islamic states.

Fahd said the Iranians also "ignored haj rules last year and wanted to occupy the Kaaba, but were repulsed not only by Saudi security men but by pilgrims."

He noted other Iranian violations in 1986, including "the smuggling of 90 bags full of explosives and bombs which were enough to destroy a whole city."

Iran, he added, "has offended its relationship not only with us, but with all its neighbours and the entire world."

### Aggression

"For eight years, Iran has found that Iraqi defences cannot be penetrated. Now it commits aggression on Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and our commercial ships."

The Iranians have fired missiles into Kuwaiti territory and recently attacked offshore oil fields of the UAE, which has had close ties with Tehran. Iran also regularly attacks neutral ships in the Gulf.

Fahd said: "I look forward to seeing the Iran-Iraq war come to

an end and peace be established in the region."

Iranian officials charged Wednesday that the United States, whose warships patrol the Gulf and clashed with the Iranians on April 18, pressured Saudi Arabia into breaking off relations with Tehran.

The United States and the Saudis deny that. US State Department spokesman Charles Redman said: "It was a sovereign Saudi decision."

An official Saudi statement rejected the Iranian allegation and said: "This was not an impromptu decision... It had been under consideration since the start of Iranian aggressive practices against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by the Iranian regime since it took power."

### Praised

Fahd said he longed to see the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories bear fruit when the Palestinian people are granted their right to live on their soil and in their homeland.

On the recent hijacking of the Kuwait Airways, Fahd said the air pirates must be brought to justice, and urged all peace-loving countries to help Kuwait punish the air pirates.

He added, he was deeply disturbed by the atrocities committed by the hijackers against the hostages on board the plane.

The Saudi leader called for effective international measures to combat terrorism, including economic and other sanctions against countries that sponsor terrorism.



Israeli soldiers carry the body of a Palestinian commando wrapped in a body bag. Five Palestinian commandos and two Israeli soldiers were killed during fierce clashes along the northern border with Lebanon. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Syria to release Palestinians

MANAMA, Bahrain, April 29, (Agencies): Salah Khalaf, the second in command to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, has said Syria would release the bulk of 2,000 Palestinian detainees within days.

Khalaf, also known as Abu Iyad, was with Arafat on the fence-mending trip to Syria that ended Monday after a five-year rift. The reconciliation was spurred by the burial in Damascus of assassinated PLO deputy military commander, Khalil Al Wazir.

"The bulk of more than 2,000 Palestinian detainees will be released (from Syrian jails) within days" to mark the beginning of a new chapter in PLO-Syrian relations, Khalaf told the London-based newsletter

Mideast Mirror.

The newsletter said the detainees are believed to include Arafat loyalists who were arrested in Syria or in Syrian-controlled areas of Lebanon and others handed over to the Syrians by the Lebanese Shiite Amal militia in February 1987.

The paper said that Khalaf painted a rosy picture of future links between the PLO and Syria, and said the talks with President Hafez Al Assad resulted in agreement to "sustain, develop and escalate" the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Another Palestinian leader has predicted that the PLO would move most of its offices from Tunis to Damascus.

## Commandos killed in clash

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, April 29, (AP): Arab commandos infiltrated into Israel and attacked an Israeli truck, wounding the driver, before troops shot and killed them, the Army said.

Two commandos armed with light weapons and hand grenades managed to evade troops for three hours after attacking the driver, military sources said.

During the search on foot and by helicopter, the Army closed off roads in northern Israel and ordered women and children in a dozen settlements to stay indoors, police in the north said.

The commandos entered Israel on Wednesday in the same area as Tuesday's clash 200 metres (yards) inside the border, in which two Israeli soldiers and three Palestinian commandos were killed, the Army said.

The sources said notes found on the commandos indicated they intended to take hostages and call on US Ambassador Thomas Pickering to negotiate a release of prisoners.

Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian youth in the occupied West Bank yesterday when hundreds of teenagers clashed with troops, the Army said.

A military spokesman said hundreds of stone-throwing Palestinians descended on an Army patrol in the village of Malek near Ramallah in the West Bank.

When a youth threw a petrol bomb at the troops, soldiers opened fire, killing a Palestinian, the spokesman said. He said several Palestinians were arrested.

## US plans to sell arms to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, April 29, (Reuters): The Reagan administration has said it plans to sell \$825 million in arms and military support to Saudi Arabia despite strong opposition in Congress linked to Riyadh's purchase of Chinese missiles.

Congress has 30 days to study the plan and possibly reject it. A number of legislators have said they would oppose a US sale to protest against Saudi Arabia's acquisition of Chinese-built CSS-2 missiles, which have a range of up to 2,200 miles (3,500 km).

Saudi Arabia said this week it would sign the nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. It was seen as a move to reassure supporters of Israel in Washington, who say the Chinese missiles could strike anywhere in Israel.

The Pentagon on Wednesday notified Congress of two packages of arms and support which the administration intends to provide the Saudis despite the controversy: \$325 million in support and training for Saudi Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) aircraft, and about \$500 million in infantry fighting vehicles and anti-tank missiles.

## Kuwait has a bad smoking record

GENEVA, April 29, (Kuna): Kuwait has one of the highest tobacco consumption rates in the world and is listed 14th globally, with 2,760 cigarettes being smoked each year for every inhabitant aged more than 15 years, a new World Health Organisation survey shows.

A study entitled "Tobacco or Health," prepared for the forthcoming annual assembly of the WHO, noted that in the Arab world only Libya and Lebanon had worse smoking records than Kuwait, being ranked 13th and 12th.

The dubious privilege of having the highest tobacco consumption rate worldwide went to Cyprus, with 4,050 cigarettes per head of population over 15 years, followed by Cuba, Greece and Poland.

Next on the listings came the US, Japan, Hungary, Canada, Iceland, Yugoslavia and then Switzerland.

By contrast the lowest rate was recorded by one of the world's poorest countries, Burkina Faso, with a per capita adult consumption of just 30 cigarettes, and by two other poverty-stricken nations, Guinea and Papua New Guinea.

Of the Arab countries con-

sumption in Sudan was lowest, at 130 cigarettes per adult per year, followed by Iraq with 980.

Morocco came next with 1,070, followed by Tunisia 1,470, Algeria 1,590, Jordan 1,700, Egypt 1,860, Syria 2,050 and Saudi Arabia 2,110.

No other Arab states were listed in the WHO study.

The report, which was based on 1985 statistics, said that 52 per cent of Kuwaiti males over 15 years of age smoked, as did 12 per cent of Kuwaiti females.

This contrasted with 33 per cent of Egyptian men and just two per cent of Egyptian women.

## Water shortage hits Delhi

NEW DELHI, April 29, (Reuters): Severe water shortages and a dispute over supplies left large parts of the Indian capital dry today as temperatures soared.

With the mercury hovering around 40 degrees Centigrade (104 Fahrenheit), Delhi authorities warned the situation might not improve for days.

Water shortages and power cuts are a typical part of the summer scene in Delhi but the failure of monsoon rains last year has made the situation much worse.

The latest crisis was sparked by a sharp drop in water levels in the Yamuna River, running through Delhi, which halted all pumping at a major water treatment plant.

Most of Delhi's water supplies come from neighbouring Haryana and Uttar Pradesh states but opposition-ruled Haryana has accused the capital of taking too big a share.

The Press Trust of India reported Haryana had agreed yesterday to an emergency request to release more water from reservoirs in the state.

But state Irrigation and Power Minister Venkatesh Singh said: "We will not allow any robbery of our water share."

He said Delhi had been drawing more than twice its agreed share of water supplies while Haryana was unable to maintain supplies to its own people.

## Kuwait-Egypt defence talks

EGYPT'S Air Force commander General Ahmed Hilmi had talks on military cooperation in Kuwait last week with Army Chief of Staff, General Mazid Abdulrahman Al Saani, the Kuwait News Agency Kuna reported.

It gave no details but diplomatic sources said Kuwait was close to agreeing to buy an Egyptian-made air defence system.

Hilmi is on his second visit in two months to Kuwait.

## Thai Parliament dissolved

BANGKOK, April 29, (UPI): Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, plagued by factional disputes in his coalition, today ordered the dissolution of Parliament and general elections in July. Radio Thailand announced.

The official radio said King Bhumibol Adulyadej approved the measures forced by the resignation earlier today of all 16 cabinet ministers from the largest party in the ruling coalition.

## Pakistani beheaded

RIYADH, April 29, (Reuters): A Pakistani was beheaded in Saudi Arabia today for trying to smuggle 2.4 kg (5.3 lbs) of hashish into the kingdom in his briefcase, the Interior Ministry said. At least seven people have been beheaded since Saudi Arabia introduced capital punishment for convicted drug traffickers or dealers in May last year.

## Mini-summit

DUBAI, April 29, (Reuters): Four Arab leaders are expected to meet in Libya next month to forge a joint stand at the June summit in Algiers.

## 59 injured as blast rips jetliner's roof

HONOLULU, April 29, (Reuters): A mid-air explosion ripped a gaping hole in a jetliner carrying 95 people on Thursday, injuring 59 and forcing the aircraft to make a dramatic emergency landing.

A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokeswoman said one passenger from the Aloha Airlines plane was missing and an intensive search had been mounted. Fifty of the injured were released after treatment and three were in critical condition.

One passenger was quoted on local radio as saying the Boeing 737 looked like a "peeled banana."

"I could see people sitting there... with the pipes hanging out and a lot of debris," said Fred

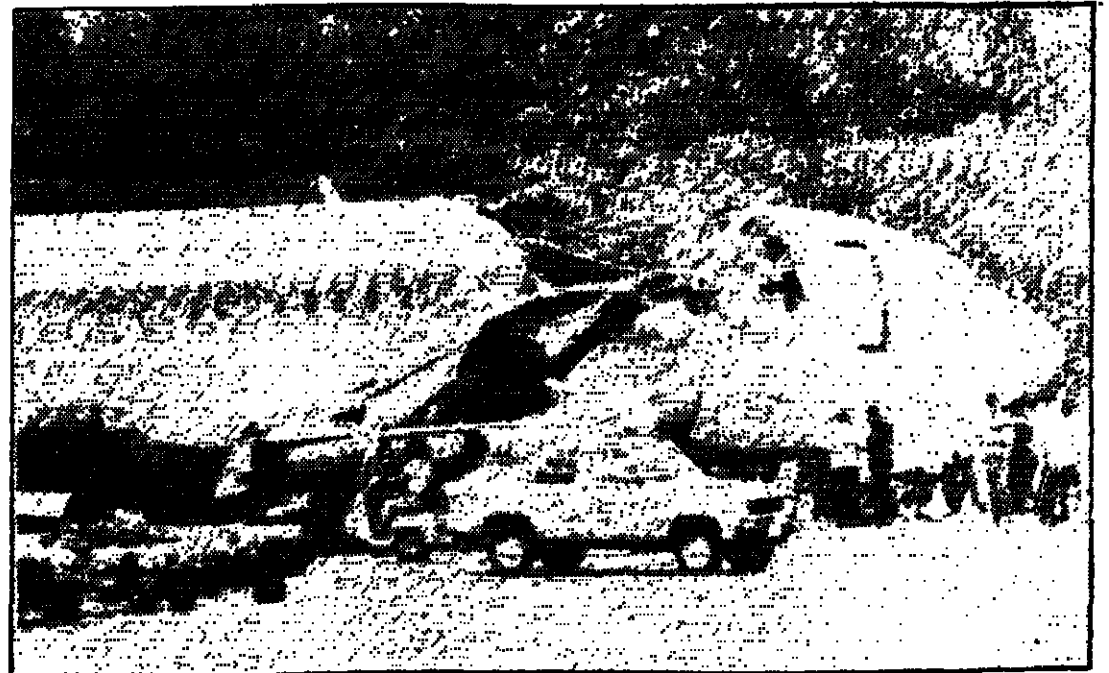
Slusser, who works at Kahului airport on the island of Maui and saw the landing.

"The entire top of the very first section from the (passenger) door to the wings" was missing, Slusser said on television.

The blast occurred while the plane was en route from Hilo on the island of Hawaii to Honolulu. The flight was diverted to Maui and landed at 2 pm local time (2400 GMT).

Elly Brekke, spokeswoman for FAA regional office in Los Angeles said the explosion aboard Aloha Airlines flight 243 occurred at 24,000 feet (7,300 metres), some 25 miles (40 km) south of Maui.

The cause of the blast was not immediately known.



An Aloha Airlines plane sits on the runway with a 20-foot hole in its fuselage. (Reuters wirephoto)

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## Iran did not fire any Silkworms: US

WASHINGTON, April 29, (AP): The US Defence Department has concluded that Iran did not fire any of its large Silkworm missiles at Navy ships during last week's Gulf fighting, officials said.

The officials stressed that Pentagon analysts were not disputing that Iran had fired missiles of some type against the destroyers Joseph Strauss and O'Brien and the frigate Jack Williams.

"There were missiles fired, which our ships successfully evaded," said one source. "But there are strong indicators they weren't Silkworms."

The defence sources said the issue of whether Silkworms were fired was important because any evidence of such would demonstrate that Iran was raising the military stakes in the Gulf. The Silkworm, a Chinese-built version of an old Russian anti-ship missile, is the most powerful missile in the Iranian arsenal even though it has a fairly rudimentary guidance system, the sources said.

### Protection

President Ronald Reagan's administration is expected to announce soon whether the US Navy will extend its protection to neutral ships in the Gulf if they come under attack.

The House of Representatives will vote to block tentative plans to send Coast Guard patrol boats to the Gulf because of public fears of drug trafficking at home, says Les Aspin chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

"It's not going to even be close. It will win in a breeze," Representative Aspin said.



## INTERNATIONAL

## Armenian killed in Athens

ATHENS, April 29, (UPI): Police announced today that a man carrying a South Yemen diplomatic passport who was assassinated outside his home in an Athens suburb was Agop Agopian, 39, leader of the Armenian secret army for the Liberation of Armenia, or Asala.

Asala is fighting a terrorist war against Turkey, which it blames for the extermination of 1.5 million Armenians during World War I. Asala is also demanding the liberation of Armenian territories under Turkish rule.

It has claimed responsibility for more than 50 terrorist attacks against Turkish interests in various parts of the world, including the assassination of 13 Turkish diplomats between 1975 and 1983.

Agopian, who was shot yesterday by two gunmen using sawed-off shotguns, was identified initially by police as a South Yemen diplomat.

## Killed

Agopian was killed by two masked gunmen at 4:45 am outside his home. He carried a South Yemeni diplomatic passport which identified him as Mohammad Abu Kashim, 50.

Police said that Agopian who was married and the father of two children had lived in Athens for almost one year, made frequent trips abroad and was passing as a businessman.

Police said they established Agopian's identity through his Yugoslav wife Janil Toutoujian.

## Political crisis ends in Sudan

## Mahdi re-elected

KHARTOUM, April 29, (UPI): The National Assembly re-elected Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi to office in a move apparently signalling the beginning of the end of nine months of political crisis in Sudan.

Sadiq attracted 196 out of 222 votes cast in the election late Wednesday which was carried live on state-run television. About 40 assembly members were absent. Twenty six votes went to two other minority candidates — a southerner and a communist.

Most significantly, the fundamentalist National Islamic Front opposition group cast its block vote for Sadiq and may now join a new Sadiq-led government coalition, along with the black African southerners and the mainstream Muslim Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

The previous coalition between the southern parties, the DUP and Sadiq's majority Umma Party collapsed last August in a power-sharing wrangle precipitating Sudan's worst political crisis since dictator Jaafar Nimeiri was ousted in a coup April 4, 1985.

Two factors have prevented the quick formation of another government — the intransigence of the southerners of the thorny question of peace in the 5-year-old civil war in the South and the hardline stance of the fundamentalists on the abolition of the Islamic law code introduced by Nimeiri.

It was not immediately clear what bargain Sadiq struck with either group but the southern caucus — the Union of Sudan African Parties (USAP) indicated after the election that they would cooperate with a new administration.

Sadiq came to office in April 1986 vowing to end the civil war peacefully but has been unable to bring the strong Christian-led rebels to the negotiating table. The southern assembly members have been insisting on concessions to rebel grievances about the domination of the south by the Arab-speaking Muslim North.

It was not clear what the composition of the new government would be but there may be further wrangling of the two main political problems facing Sudan, along with its crushing \$10 billion foreign debt.

## Split

Plans to impose strict Islamic law in Sudan again had divided parliament between Muslim Arabs and Christian Africans, a southern political leader said.

"This was not our dream and I hope it will not be the dream of our children," Elaba James Surur, leader of the Union of Sudan African Parties (USAP), told parliament.

Islamic law or Sharia was applied for a time to Muslim and non-Muslim alike under Sudan's ousted dictator Nimeiri.

The amputation of limbs for repeated theft and floggings for traffic offences and drinking

alcohol fuelled the rebellion in Sudan's mainly African Christian and animist South.

USAP, the largest southern parliamentary block, would oppose the proposed government of national unity, Surur told parliament.

"A leader who brings religion into politics is doomed to fail," Surur said.

USAP decided to withdraw its pledge to join the new government because Umma had agreed to reimpose tough Sharia provisions to win the backing of the militant National Islamic Front (NIF).

## Conference

Surur said the Sharia issued should be left to a constitutional conference, first proposed in 1985, bringing together representatives of all political, religious and ethnic groups to draft a new constitution.

Parliament re-elected Mahdi after he resigned 14 days ago to pave the way for a new national unity government to replace a 1986 coalition dominated by Umma and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

Mahdi won 196 votes against 21 for Surur and four for a Communist Party candidate. Mahdi said the support he received fell short of what he had hoped for.

Repeal of Sharia law introduced by Nimeiri in 1983 is the main demand of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) which has fought government troops in the South for five years.

## Manila fire leaves thousands homeless

MANILA, April 29, (Reuters): Thousands of slum-dwellers left homeless by a fire that swept through a Manila shantytown, began rebuilding their shacks today as the embers of the blaze cooled.

Children sat and guarded tattered bundles of belongings as their parents stretched canvas awnings and began to rebuild their plywood, cardboard and corrugated-iron dwellings.

Deputy fire chief Jaime Molina said 700 to 800 shacks were destroyed in the four-hour wind-fanned blaze, which late on Thursday roared through Pandacan, one of many shantytown districts in the sprawling Philippine capital of eight million people.

Molina said fire authorities estimated that 2,500 people were made homeless in the blaze. The only people injured were looters, attacked by residents for trying to steal belongings being saved from the fire.

## Worst

Fires regularly sweep through the shantytowns, which abound in Manila, but Molina said Thursday's blaze was thought to be the worst since 1978 when a fire levelled seven blocks, destroying more than 1,000 homes.

In February, 1985, 25 people

including several foreigners were killed when a fire raged for four days through the five-star Regent Hotel.

Reports that 9,000 people had been made homeless were wildly exaggerated, Molina said.

"That's too big. That's too much," he added.

Meanwhile, unidentified men today killed a Philippine Marine and seriously wounded another in an ambush near a Manila Air Force base, the military said.

A spokesman said the two soldiers were on board an Army jeep when the assailants opened fire. The wounded soldier was taken to the base hospital.

The attack came a week after suspected communist assassins killed a businessman and two Navy men in the capital. More than 20 people have been killed in attacks blamed on the urban guerrillas.

In the northern Pangasinan province, soldiers arrested a Philippine communist rebel leader with a \$3,000 reward for his capture, during a raid today, the military said.

## 107th birthday

DERBY, England, April 29, (AP): Charles Faulkner, who retired from his job at 53 because of ill-health, celebrated his 107th birthday Thursday. Faulkner took early retirement from his job as a labourer at a pipe factory in 1934 because of breathing problems. "I can laugh about it now but I didn't at the time," he told reporters at his old-age home in northern England.



Police check documents during a student rally in front of a university in Krakow. The students were supporting striking workers. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Surgery to stop growth

SURABAYA, April 29, (Reuters): An Indonesian thought to be the world's tallest woman may undergo surgery to keep her from growing further, a doctor treating her said.

Dr. Askandar Tjokropawiro, head of the team of 37 doctors treating the woman, told a news conference that Mulia was measured at 2.33 metres (seven feet, 7-3/4 inches) and weighed 75 kg (165 pounds).

He said she was suffering from a brain tumour that was stimulating her growth hormones.

The operation would be risky because it could result in blindness, brain injury or damage to her hormone reproductive system, Askandar said.

"I am willing to undergo the operation, because I want to live normally like other people," Mulia told journalists who visited her at Sutomo Hospital.

"The tumour in her brain measures 20 by 16 millimetres.

## Polish strike spreads to second factory

WARSAW, April 29, (Reuters): Labour unrest spread to a second giant Polish steelworks today as Solidarity-led workers downed tools at the Stalowa Wola Mill in south-east Poland, opposition sources said.

They said the strike began with a protest rally by 3,000 workers demanding a 20,000 zlotys (\$50) a month pay rise and reinstatement of dismissed Solidarity activists.

A strike at the Lenin Steelworks near Krakow, Poland's biggest industrial plant, entered its fourth day with management refusing further talks with a 16-member Solidarity strike committee, opposition sources said.

## Arrest

It was not immediately possible to obtain independent confirmation of the Stalowa Wola stoppage and the sources could not say how many of the 18,000 workers were involved nor whether production was affected.

The opposition sources said

the strike at the Stalowa Wola Mill and heavy equipment plant 200 km south of Warsaw began on schedule despite the arrest of four Solidarity activists there on Thursday.

It was led by Wieslaw Wojtas, chairman of an illegal Solidarity founding committee there, who escaped arrest last week after organising a protest rally.

The sources said authorities on Thursday withdrew passes from 300 Solidarity supporters in the work force and sent them away to recreation camps or on business trips in an apparent attempt to avert the strike.

The situation of two Solidarity national leaders held by police in the eastern city of Lublin on Thursday remained unclear.

Union spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz and former underground leader Zbigniew Bujak were held with top adviser professor Bronislaw Geremek and Warsaw University mathematics professor Henryk Wozniakowski on their way to a meeting in Lublin.

## Alliance strengthened US hands: Carlucci

## Nato to modernise N-arms

BRUSSELS, April 29, (Reuters): Nato defence ministers pledged on Thursday to press ahead with plans gradually to modernise short-range nuclear forces — an issue which has brought West Germany into conflict with its alliance partners.

US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, speaking after a Nato nuclear planning group meeting, said the stance of the allies strengthened his hand in fighting for US congressional funds to develop a new version of the ageing Lance missile.

"I do think it (the Nato move) should be sufficiently persuasive to enable our Congress to allow us to go ahead with fully exploring all the systems that might be appropriate for a follow-on to Lance," Carlucci said.

Carlucci was speaking at the end of a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation two-day meeting, hurriedly switched to Brussels from Denmark after a political crisis there over nuclear policy.

In a final statement, ministers, representing all 16 Nato allies

except France, endorsed a "step-by-step approach towards the measures necessary" for nuclear modernisation.

The statement also said Nato's nuclear weapons remaining after a superpower treaty banning land-based medium-range missiles must be kept "survivable, responsive and effective, and structured in an adequate and balanced way."

Carlucci said the 15 allies had looked at ways their nuclear stockpile could be rearranged to make up for the loss of the Cruise and Pershing missiles in Western Europe under the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty.

The US-Soviet treaty, once ratified, will scrap all land-based nuclear systems with ranges between 500 and 5,500 km.

The Western allies are considering redeploying nuclear-armed aircraft and sea-launched nuclear missiles but Carlucci declined to enter into detail on the issue.

US development of a follow-

on version of the 16-year-old Lance, which has a range of under 100 km, has caused problems for West Germany — Nato's front-line member where most of the new weapons might have to be deployed.

West Germany prefers to seek negotiations on these weapons with the Soviet Union but the United States and Britain stress the importance of keeping them up-to-date.

Nato ministers, reflecting continued West German unease on the issue, recalled in their statement the compromise wording of a Nato summit last month which said nuclear forces in Europe would be kept up-to-date "where necessary."

## Israeli plot

BEIRUT, April 29, (Reuters): Palestinian commander Abu Jihad warned Palestinians in Lebanon of an Israeli assassination plot a few days before he was gunned down in Tunis, Palestinian officials said today.

"Three days before he was killed he called all Palestinian officials to tell them to take extra security measures because of an Israeli plan to kill as many Palestinian leaders and officials as possible," one Palestinian official said.

## Cocaine seized

WASHINGTON, April 29, (AP): A leaking toilet on a US airliner that arrived from Colombia led government agents at national airport on Wednesday to \$1 million worth of cocaine hidden in the jet's lavatory holding tanks.

Eastern Airlines flight 806 originated in Barranquilla, Colombia, stopped in Miami and was on its way to Kansas City when the leaking toilet was discovered during a layover in Washington, drug enforcement administration officials said.

## Students clash

CHITTAGONG, April 29, (Reuters): One student was killed and 10 were injured at Bangladesh's Chittagong University, police said today. They said the fight raged for two hours last night.

It followed the expulsion of 16 members of an opposition-led student organisation accused of involvement in campus violence.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Kanak violence

NOUMEA, April 29, (Reuters): Kanak separatist tribesmen killed a pro-French loyalist, the self-confessed killer of 10 Kanaks — today in the French-ruled South Pacific territory of New Caledonia, local officials said.

Jose Lapetite, 31, was shot in the head and leg at his arm 300 km north of Noumea during clashes with an unidentified group of Kanaks (ethnic Melanesians) near the town of Voh.

## Briton jailed

DHAKA, April 29, (Reuters): A Briton who admitted trying to smuggle \$60,000 worth of gold into Bangladesh was sentenced on Wednesday to life imprisonment with hard labour.

Judge Sheikh Rezwana Afri said Tony John Perkins was arrested at Dhaka airport on Nov 25, 1986 as he arrived from Bangkok with gold bars concealed in two suitcases.

## US vehicles

WASHINGTON, April 29, (Reuters): The US Defence Department notified Congress on Thursday that it plans to sell 59 M-113 armoured military vehicles to Egypt for \$19 million.

The purchase, part of Egypt's continuing efforts to modernise its armed forces, is expected to become official in 30 days without objection from Congress.

## N.Korean dies

TOKYO, April 29, (Reuters): North Korean Vice-President Rim Chun-Chu has died after a long illness at the age of 76, the country's Central News Agency reported on Thursday.

The agency, monitored in Tokyo, said Rim "passed away from a long illness."

## War memory

TOKYO, April 29, (Reuters): Japan's Emperor Hirohito, who turned 87 on Thursday, said World War Two was the worst memory of his life and appealed to the Japanese people to hold together to maintain peace.

Kyodo news agency reported. "It (World War Two) is the worst memory in my life. I am glad the nation worked together for peace after the end of the war. I hope everybody does not forget it and works to maintain peace," he said.

## French poll

PARIS, April 29, (UPI): French President Francois Mitterrand is seen as the winner of a televised pre-election debate with Challenger Prime Minister Jacques Chirac that included a particularly bitter clash on their handling of terrorism, a follow-up poll released today said.

The duel of nearly two hours included angry confrontations on New Caledonia, the French South Pacific territory now in the throes of a bloody separatist rebellion, and on where responsibility lay for the rapid rise of the extreme-right National Front Party.

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Don't count on easy victory, rebels told

## Soviet advisers to stay: Najib

KABUL, April 29, (Reuters): President Najibullah of Afghanistan warned anti-government rebels on Thursday not to count on an easy victory after Soviet soldiers go home.

At a news conference in the Afghan capital, he said: "Nobody has taken Kabul in the past and nobody will take it in the future. You should not have any doubt in that regard."

Referring to the period after Soviet troops withdraw, he said some leaders of the Pakistan-based rebel alliance believed they could move into a power vacuum.

"They count on victory following the return of the Soviet troops. They think soon they will be coming to Kabul riding on white horses."

**Advisers**  
And with a rare smile, Najibullah quoted an old Afghan proverb: "We regard this as the distribution of an unshared bear skin."

The heavy-set former secret police chief, easily turning aside awkward questions and appear-

ing confident of his own power, was asked whether his country would continue to rely on Soviet help.

Soviet military advisers had been in Afghanistan even before the 1978 revolution and would be needed in the future, "taking into consideration the complexity of modern technology," he said.

"Not only Soviet, but also advisers from other friendly countries and even capitalist countries can help in the social, economic cultural and even military spheres," Najibullah added.

Questioned about future shipments of armaments from the Soviet Union, he replied, "at the moment our forces have enough arms supplies but if needed, like any other state, on the basis of international law and convention, Afghanistan will take measures to consolidate its armed forces."

Clarifying his offer earlier this week to create a line of demilitarised zones along the Pakistani border to facilitate the return of refugees, Najibullah said his

government would still control these areas.

"The creation of non-militarised zones does not mean that the armed forces of Afghanistan cannot safeguard these regions."

He denied that the departing Soviet troops would leave their arms behind for the Afghan forces. "No, it is not correct and if you come on May 15 (when the Soviet withdrawal is due to begin) you will witness the truth."

But he added that the Soviet Union had built some military "establishments" — which he did not detail — and these would be left behind.

The Afghan president repeated his offer of negotiations with any opposition group in any place, saying all Afghans were welcome to "engage in all forms of political struggle excluding armed struggle."

But the limits of his tolerance were reached when he was asked whether he would allow forces opposed to the revolution to take control of the country.

"We shall not allow such a

thing," Najibullah said.

Meanwhile, Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto says the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan could trigger new regional turmoil leading to "another Lebanon."

Benazir also told a news conference in Washington she was concerned that unspecified nations might be considering a pre-emptive strike against Pakistan's nuclear programme, which is widely believed to be developing nuclear weapons.

In Afghanistan, the United States and other influential nations should encourage formation of a broad-based government that could work against factional disputes that could overwhelm the country following the troop withdrawal, she said.

"It is a major triumph that the Soviet troops are withdrawing" but there is great danger "of Afghanistan becoming another Lebanon with different factions holding sway in different parts," the head of the Pakistan Peoples Party said.

## S.Korean President faces tough time

## Opposition to form joint front

SEOUL, April 29, (Reuters): After scoring an historic victory in Tuesday's legislative polls, South Korea's three main opposition parties are moving to set up an alliance that could even cost President Roh Tae-Woo his job.

Veteran democracy campaigner Kim Young-Sam told reporters today he was ready to cooperate with his political rival Kim Dae-Jung and maverick conservative Kim Jong-Pil in forming a proposed inter-party consultative body.

"We should spare no efforts in collaborating to reflect the people's will by checking the current regime's dictatorship and self-righteousness and to ensure democracy and social justice," Kim Young-Sam said.

Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea's best-known dissident, whose split with Kim Young-Sam helped Roh to power in last December's presidential poll, has already said he favours a common opposition front.

## Partners

An implacable foe of the strongman rule of Park Chung-Hee (1961-79) and Roh's Army colleague and friend Chun Doo Hwan (1979-88), Kim Dae-Jung led his hard-line Party for Peace and Democracy into the position of the main opposition group in parliament after Tuesday's elections.

"My party will work with other groups as faithful partners in trying to form a permanent

pan-opposition council," he told reporters on Thursday.

Former Prime Minister Kim Jong-Pil whose small Conservative Party now holds the parliamentary balance of power, first proposed the inter-party panel on Wednesday as a way to ensure more effective opposition control of the National Assembly.

Roh's Democratic Justice Party lost its overall majority in this week's election, just two months after he took over from Chun promising a new era of democracy.

Political analysts said that, after this humiliating setback at the polls, Roh's biggest worry must be the vote of confidence he promised to seek after the Seoul Olympic end in October.

## 1,750 more may die due to Bhopal gas

BHOPAL, April 29, (AP): India fears that 1,750 more people will die over the next seven years as a result of the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster, according to a report released yesterday by the Madhya Pradesh state government.

The toll to date was put at 2,998, nearly 200 higher than the previously reported estimate of 2,800.

The report said the deaths were "conclusively attributed" to toxic effects of the gas and added that 816 other deaths were under investigation to determine if there was a link to the gas leak.

The figures were contained in the central Indian state's new "action plan," which calls for spending 3.7 billion rupees (\$285 million) on relief measures for victims and their families in the next seven years.

The funds will come from the federal treasury which already has spent more than 600 million rupees (46 million) to assist the

gas victims. The deaths — and injuries to at least 20,000 people — have been blamed on the leak of toxic methyl-isocyanate from a pesticide-producing subsidiary of the Union Carbide Corp. on Dec 3, 1984.

Many of the victims have breathing problems that get progressively worse and, ultimately, cause death. Others appear more prone to catching diseases. The government is doing surveys to try to determine if birth defects are higher in cases involving gas-affected women.

The Indian government has said in the past that it expected the death toll to rise, but yesterday's report was the first to quantify the casualties.

"It is not possible to assess the long-term damage," said the report released by the state's Chief Minister, Arjun Singh, in the state assembly.

## PLO man escapes death

ATHENS, April 29, (Reuters): The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said yesterday that Israeli secret agents tried to assassinate one of its diplomats in Athens on Wednesday night.

A PLO statement said Israel's Mossad secret service made the attempt against its first secretary in Athens, Ismail Sabri "who noticed in time the intentions of the assassins, who after their abortive attempt fled."

Greek police declined to comment on the case.

Sabri told Reuters in a telephone interview: "I was leaving my house with a friend when I saw a man and a woman outside my door. The woman had a pistol in her hand but when they saw us they fled in a car."

## Weapon

"Before driving away they told me they were Israelis. I was also carrying a weapon. It was a very tense situation," he added.

The PLO statement said the Greek authorities were notified of the incident and later arrested one of the suspected attackers at Athens airport while trying to flee abroad.

Greece is the only European Economic Community (EEC) country that does not have full diplomatic relations with Israel.

## India busts racket to recruit mercenaries

NEW DELHI, April 29, (Reuters): Police have smashed a racket that duped Indians into taking factory jobs in Libya where they were instead conscripted into the Libyan Army, a senior police officer said on Thursday.

Deputy police commissioner Amod Kanth said in a telephone interview 97 Indians paid a recruiting agency in New Delhi for factory jobs in Libya and ended up in Army camps there.

He said three people, including a police constable, had been arrested and efforts are being made to bring the deceived workers home.

Kanth said the Indians went to Libya last December after paying R.K. Enterprises, a New Delhi-based employment agency, 12,000 to 15,000 rupees (\$920 to \$1,150) for jobs in a leather factory.

Instead, they were taken to Army camps and told to undergo military training. According to Western diplomats, Libya has recruited mercenaries from the Muslim world for its battles against neighbouring Chad over the last few years.

## Return

Some of the men from the North Indian state of Uttar Pradesh escaped and fled to the Indian Embassy in Tripoli, he said. Forty of them returned to India in the last few days.

About 50 others were still in Libya, although all had left the Army camps and were either waiting to return home or had found jobs in factories, Kanth said.

He said the agency had been closed by the Labour Ministry.

The three men arrested on Tuesday, were the agency manager, his agent, and a police constable who was helping out as a sub-agent, Kanth said. They have been remanded in custody until May 11.



Children orphaned by the Afghan war listen to mujahadeen leader Burhanuddin Rabbani's speech during a protest rally at a refugee camp near Peshawar. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sri Lankans choose provincial councils

## Ruling party sweeps local polls

COLOMBO, April 29, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party (UNP) won control of all four provincial councils at stake in Thursday elections that were marked by violence, voter fear and boycotts, officials said today.

But political sources said the opposition United Socialist Alliance (USA), a group of four leftist parties, gave the UNP a shock, drawing more support than was expected and coming in a close second.

A recently formed Muslim group, the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC), fielded few candidates and managed to get only three seats on the four councils.

Provincial councils are to be set up in Sri Lanka's nine provin-

ces under an agreement signed by President Junius Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi last July, aimed at ending violence the island's Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority.

## Boycott

The main opposition group, the Freedom Party, which opposes the pact, boycotted the poll. The party, led by former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike, urged voters to keep away and demanded a general election instead.

Election officials said the UNP captured 22 seats in the council for the Sabaragamuwa province, closely followed by the USA with 20. In Uva province, the UNP won 18 seats while the USA took

13 and the SLMC managed only one.

The UNP won 19 seats in the council for the north-central province and the USA grabbed 12, and in north-west province, the UNP took 29 seats, the USA 19 and the SLMC two.

Elections Commissioner Chandrananda de Silva said voter turnout ranged from 30 per cent in some areas to about 55 per cent in others. Political sources said the figure was disappointing compared with an average of about 80 per cent voting in earlier elections on the islands.

They said the low turnout was possibly a result of threats by a leftist Sinhalese group, the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), and the boycott call by the Freedom Party.

## Bangladesh rebels kill more settlers

RANGAMATI, Bangladesh, April 29, (Reuters): Tribal rebels fighting for autonomy for the Chittagong Hill Tracts shot dead two labourers yesterday, raising the number of Muslim settlers killed in a week to 23, officials said.

They said one settler in the southern Bangladesh area was also seriously wounded when guerrillas from the outlawed Shanti Bahini fired sub-machine-guns and rifles at a group of workers building a road near

## Khagrachhari town.

"The attack took place just a few hundred meters from a paramilitary soldiers' camp, but the rebels fled away easily," one official said.

Also yesterday, heavily armed Shantis attacked an Army camp at Dighinala and ambushed an Army patrol at Harinachhara. The rebels fled after exchanges of fire but there were no casualties, he added.

Puzzled by the blitz attacks,

the authorities imposed an indefinite night curfew from yesterday in parts of Khagrachhari district and urged residents to inform the Army about any strangers in their areas.

Earlier yesterday, soldiers arrested Rapon Chakma, whom they described as a self-styled Shanti commander, as he was wandering near their camp and seized from him a light-machine-gun, ammunition and money, military officials said.

## 14 killed as Sikhs attack villages

AMRITSAR, April 29, (UPI): Sikh militants killed 14 people in attacks in northern Punjab state and opened fire on a bus, injuring five passengers, police said today.

Police said about 10 Sikh gunmen on two tractors, last night roared through two villages, killing nine people. The villages are located on the outskirts of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, 400 km northwest of New Delhi.

Police said members of Bhindranwale Tiger Force, a Sikh fundamentalist group, last night drove into Mahmood Para village, where they shot and killed two residents. The attackers shot and killed another two people on their way to nearby Rampura village, where they gunned down another five people, including a woman.

Police said four people died at the scene and the woman died in a hospital.

The attackers encountered no opposition during their attacks on two villages, police said.

They said Khalistan Commando Force, another Sikh extremists group killed another five people early today in two attacks in the Jhabal area of Amritsar district.

## Firing

In yet another violent incident near the state capital of Chandigarh, about five Sikh gunmen in a car, opened fire at a crowded bus, police said.

They said the gunmen drove their vehicle parallel to the bus and signalled the bus driver to stop, when the driver accelerated the gunmen chased the bus and opened fire, injuring five people.

Sikh militants claim members of their faith, who make up 2 per cent of India's 800 million population, are discriminated against by the government.

More than 850 people have been killed this year by Sikh separatists campaigning to convert the Sikh-dominated Punjab into an independent Sikh state of "Khalistan". About 4,000 people have died since the militants launched their bloody campaign more than five years ago.



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## Hijackers left Algeria without achieving anything

WASHINGTON, April 29. (AP) The hijackers of a Kuwaiti jetliner left Algeria without getting what they wanted and no concessions were made to obtain the hostages' release, the Algerian ambassador said yesterday.

Ambassador Mohammed Sahnoun also said that while his government would have liked to apprehend the hijackers, such a move would have damaged its credibility as a mediator in international crises, such as attempts to obtain the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

**Indicated**  
The United States has been pressing Algeria for information on the deal it worked out last week for the release of the 31 hostages held by extremists on a Kuwait Airways jumbo jetliner in Algeria.

US officials said they do not have clear indications that the

hijackers left Algeria, despite reports that the pro-Iranian sky pirates were flown last Wednesday from Algiers to Syria and then made their way to Lebanon.

Sahnoun, addressing reporters at the National Press Club, indicated that the hijackers had left his country. "They went back without achieving anything," he said.

**Price**  
He declined to divulge details, saying that to do so would break Algeria's word to the hijackers and damage its 25-year-old role as a mediator in dozens of disputes.

"We have a skill that we put at the disposal of the international community," he said.

"This is not always understood," he added, in apparent reference to demands by the United States and other countries that Algeria help capture the hijackers and bring them to trial.

"We delivered what we could deliver," namely the hostages' release, he said.

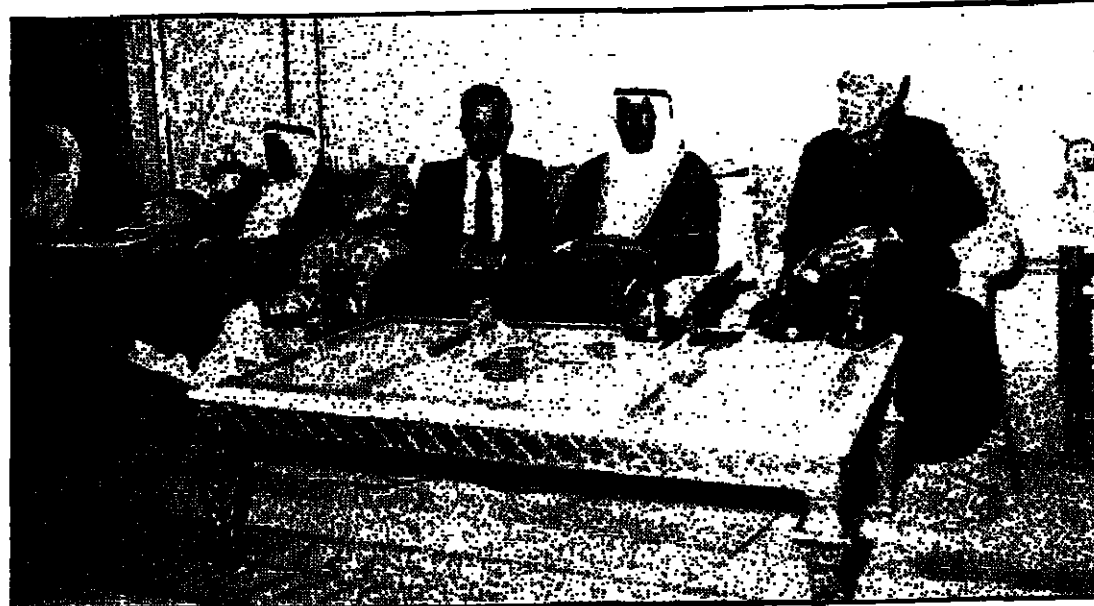
"There was a price to pay. We are not entirely satisfied," Sahnoun said. "But this was a minimum price compared with what they wanted."

The hijackers had demanded the release of 17 convicted terrorists jailed in Kuwait—a demand which was not met, he added.

There have been reports that Kuwait cancelled the death sentence against three of the 17. But Sahnoun insisted that "no concessions were made."

Algeria has been asked to help in efforts to obtain the release of some 20 hostages, among them eight Americans, believed held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon, he said.

In addition, Algeria had in the past supplied information it obtained about the hostages to their families, Sahnoun said.



HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, was among a select audience who listened to a talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Shaarawi (right).

### Committee to study use of microfilm

DR Nael Naqib, the Undersecretary of Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, has formed a committee to study the use of microfilm and an electronically stored archives project.

The committee, to be made up of Hussain Al Rifai, the Systems Advisor at the Data Department, Sulaiman Al Mulla, the Registration Controller, and a number of ministry employees, will study the use of microfilm and setting up of a central library for the maintenance of medical records.

The committee will study the financial aspects of such a project in addition to evaluating the necessary programmes for implementation.

### Seas best source of protein

RASHEED Al Hamad, the Assistant Undersecretary for Planning and Development at Kuwait's Education Ministry, was quoted in the Environment Magazine as saying the seas are the prime source of the best proteins, minerals, fuels and other essential resources.

Al Hamad said in the article entitled "For a Productive Marine Environment" that according to studies and field research, the sea was a great source of energy, which could be exploited through the study of tides and temperature variations at various depths.

### Car park for university

SULAIMAN JUMAA, the Director of Safety and Security at Kuwait University, said the special 700-car parking area for the university campus in Khalidiya along Fourth Ring Road and the 180-car parking lot near the Faculty of Engineering had solved many of the problems students previously had in finding parking space.

He said another multi-storey parking garage would be completed near the end of this year near the Faculty of Science and would accommodate 800 cars.

Jumaa said that security departments would be opened at the various universities in an effort to increase campus security and safety.

### Procedures to prevent cheating

SOURCES at Kuwait's Education Ministry said procedures are being established to prevent cheating in the forthcoming final examinations.

According to a Kuwaiti daily, the sources said the ministry was very concerned about cheating in school on final examinations, adding that 300 students had been expelled because of cheating.

The source warned that students caught cheating would be expelled from school.

## Israel exploiting situation: Barges

MOSCOW, April 19. (Kuna): Board chairman-director general of Kuwait News Agency (Kuna) Barges Hmoud Al Barges said here today that Israel exploited the international circumstances that accompanied the hijacking of Kuwaiti airliner and assassinated the deputy commander of the Palestinian revolution forces Khalil Al Wazir.

**Uprising**  
In a telephone interview conducted with Al Barges by the Komsomolskaya Pravda, organ of the Soviet Youth Organisation, Kuna chairman said Israel took advantage of the hijacking and killed 17 Palestinian citizens protesting the assassination by Israeli spy elements of the Palestinian leader Al Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad.

Al Barges said the hijacking of

the Kuwaiti airliner Al Jaberiya came at a time when the Palestinian people's uprising began to gain world-wide support and sympathy, while the Israeli brutal acts in the occupied Arab territories came under severe international condemnation of Zionist violations of Arab human rights.

Kuna chairman hailed the PLO role in the negotiations with the hijackers that resulted in the release of 13 hostages aboard the airliner, noting that PLO chairman Arafat had personally supervised the contact through a hotline from Kuwait to Larnaca and were followed up by PLO representatives in Cyprus.

Al Barges praised the intensive efforts exerted by the Algerian leadership with the aim of rescuing the hostages and bringing the hijacking crisis to an end.

## Take advantage of Ramadan, smokers told

THE Kuwait Anti-Smoking and Cancer Control Society held a symposium on Tuesday to discuss the hazards of smoking on smokers and the people around them.

The principal speaker was the Planning Minister and chairman of the Society Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

Dr Awadi said that smokers should take advantage of fasting to give up smoking, which is a bad and perilous habit, stressing that will power played a major role in relinquishing the smoking habit.

Dr Al Awadi also said that massive efforts were being exerted throughout the world to help smokers stop their bad habits, which not only affected their health but was also very

detrimental to those around them who involuntarily had to inhale the smoke.

He added that the World Health Organisation (WHO) had marked April 7th as an international day for giving up smoking, and that Kuwait took great pride in the fact that the Society enjoys international recognition and received support and cooperation from health organisation the world over.

He stressed that non-smokers should not allow smokers to jeopardise their health by smoking while in their company and that they could play a major role in helping smokers gradually give up this bad habit from which deliverance depended mainly on will power.

### Subiya sub-station

SOURCES at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water have announced that the first unit of the new Subiya sub-station will be completed in 1992. The sub-station will have a 2,400 megawatt capacity when the total of eight units are completed.

A ministry report said that work had begun on eight other electrical projects which include the south Zoor sub-station, where the first, second, third and fourth units are already in operation.

Work at the eastern Doha sub-station is still in progress, which will connect the liquefied fuel system to the eastern and western sub-stations.

According to the report the project will include construction of a steam-operated electrical sub-station in Subiya.

### Nutrition advisor

FOUZIYA AL AWADI, the Director of the Department of Food and Catering Services at Kuwait's Public Health Ministry, has been named nutrition advisor to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) by FAO officials.

Al Awadi will assume her duties by organising a national symposium on nutritional awareness in Iraq.

Al Awadi began her career in food nutrition in 1966 following graduation from an American university. She worked at the nutrition unit at the Sabah Hospital which expanded to a department with more than 200 food specialists.

She is the first woman from the Gulf region to be named to the post.

### Assad-Saddam meeting soon

A KUWAITI daily yesterday quoted Arab sources as saying that a meeting between Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and his Iraqi counterpart Saddam Hussein is likely to take place within the coming few weeks.

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### Amiri cable

HH the Amir has sent a cable of congratulations to Emperor of Japan, Hirohito, on the occasion of his country's National Day.

### Crown Prince cable

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, on Thursday sent a cable of congratulations to Japan's Premier Noboru Takeshita on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Hopes on next Arab summit

KUWAITI newspaper Al Rai Al Aam yesterday hoped the next Arab summit conference would represent a start for Arab rapprochement, exploitation of potentials and formation of a strong Arab front.

Warning against polarization in the Arab political moves for the upcoming summit in June, the daily said the Arab states seem to be semi-unanimous toward the return of Egypt to the Arab League.

Non-agreement over this issue, said the paper, may lead to withdrawal of a number of Arab states from the conference, which would weaken the Arab stance toward proposed settlements and pave the way for Israeli manoeuvres aimed at evading the international conference.

Failure of the summit to adopt a unified decision toward the return of Egypt might render it the last Arab conference which means the loss of hope for other Arab leaders' meetings, it contended.

It's time for Arab countries to have a realistic approach to the Arab situation that transcends temporary and individual interests, the paper concluded.

### Arab-Iranian ties

HAILING the Saudi decision to sever relations with Iran, a local newspaper yesterday urged the Gulf and Arab states to follow suit.

Editorially commenting on Arab-Iranian ties, Al Anbaa said Riyadh's decision to cut diplomatic relations with Tehran was unequivocal and correct.

The daily urged the Kuwaiti government to take the initiative of breaking ties with Iran (following the Saudi decision) because Kuwait has suffered a great deal from Iranian aggressions, the last of which was the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner and the bombing of the Saudi bureau in the country.

All those aggressions urge Kuwait, the rest of the GCC states and the other Arab countries to follow Riyadh in tightening the siege against "the hostile neighbour", Al Anbaa concluded.

Meanwhile, Al Qabas newspaper said the GCC should materialize the essence of unity through cooperation in combating terrorism.

Lashing out at Tehran for the explosion of the Saudi Airways office here, the paper said, Iran is trying to make up for its defeat on the Faw front by infiltrating through back doors.

Calling for cooperation and coordination among the GCC states, Al Qabas said it was sure the leaders are the first to be aware of the importance of this method.

### 376,187 expat workers in the capital

THE director of the capital's labour department, Abdul Aziz Al Kulaib, said on Thursday that 376,187 expatriate workers were in the service of 27,925 employers.

He said there were 226,902 labourers in the capital governorate and the rest in the other governorates.

He denied there was any restriction in issuing work permits to any Arab or foreign nationals, and this was evident from the monthly statistics issued by the Social Affairs and Labour Ministry and published by all newspapers.

He said the reason there were larger numbers of Asians was mainly because they were skilful and accepted lower wages. He pointed out that the nationality of the workers was determined by the employers.

### Abdul Razzak to attend WHO conference

GENEVA, April 29. (Kuna): Kuwait Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzak Yusuf Al Abdul Razzak is due to arrive in Switzerland this weekend to attend the annual conference of the World Health Organisation.

The minister is expected to be accompanied by a four-man team including his deputy Dr Ali Al Saif.

Health ministers from at least 100 countries are expected in Geneva for the conference, which starts on May 2.

In all some 1,200 delegates from 166 countries are due to participate.

Before the start of the conference, on Monday morning, the Kuwait Health Minister is due to take part in a meeting of the council of Arab health ministers to review strategy for the WHO assembly and to discuss regional health questions.

## Hijack weapons not taken aboard in Bangkok: Thais

BANGKOK, April 29. (Reuter): The director of Bangkok airport said on Thursday an investigation showed it was unlikely the weapons used in the hijack of a Kuwait Airways plane this month were taken aboard in the Thai capital.

Charoon Pinthong said an exhaustive investigation had shown there were apparently no breaches of security at Don Muang airport's international terminal before the flight, which was bound for Kuwait, left on April 5.

"It is unlikely that the hijackers took weapons through Ban-

gkok airport," he said.

The hijackers ordered the plane, which had 115 people on board, to land at Mashhad airport in Iran, then flew on to Larnaca, in Cyprus, and Algiers before surrendering on April 20.

The security chief of the International Air Transport Association, Rodney Wallis, has said it is probable the weapons were placed on board the aircraft "through the coercion or collusion of staff on the (airport) ramp."

An IATA team is due here on Monday to look into the case.

### Patients aid fund helps 190 families

THE chairman of Kuwait's Patients Aid Fund, Dr Mohammed Al Jassem, said the fund had thus far helped 190 families. He added that the fund extends health services to patients in Arab and non-Arab countries including Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Singapore and Sudan.

He said an alternative financial resource was needed to face the increasing obligations of their commitments. Al Jassem said a market had been opened by the fund at the Al Raz Hospital and florists shops would soon be opened in various hospitals throughout the country with the profits going to the fund.

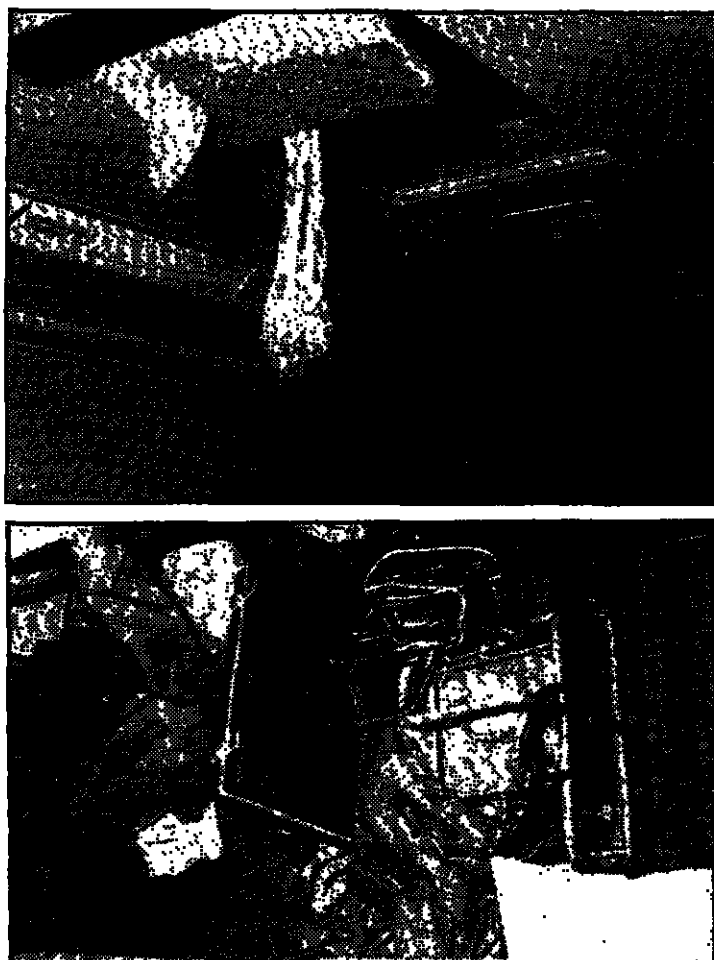
Al Jassem praised the coordination between the fund and the Ministry of Public Health and called on philanthropists to donate to the fund's activities.

### 1,992 tons of cucumbers sold

KHALED Al Rasheed, the Managing Director of Kuwait's Agricultural Food Products Company, said the company has sold 1,992 tons of cucumbers in the local market since August of last year. He added that this was 59 per cent of the total cucumber production.

Al Rasheed, speaking at the Faculty of Commercial Studies for Girls, said the company tries to encourage consumers to purchase local agricultural products. He added that the company sells to local vegetable markets, cooperative societies, restaurants and hotels. Some of the produce is also exported to GCC states, he said.

He said the company is in contact with Iraq about the possibility of Kuwait exporting agricultural produce to Iraq and Iraq exporting Iraqi products such as dates and honey to Kuwait.



● The Kuwaiti aircraft Al Jaberiya returned home on Wednesday after being hijacked for 16 days. The plane, en route from Bangkok to Kuwait, was forced to land at Iran's Mashhad airport, after which it was flown to Larnaca and finally Algiers. Some of the damage done to the interior of the aircraft is shown in the two photographs.

### Seminar on higher education

DR Mohammed Al Muhaini, speaking at a seminar on "Kuwait's Higher Education Perspective" said it was difficult to define Kuwait's higher education policy because of differing views among people involved in the issue.

He said that the university should set the example of positive aspects the community has to offer and that the higher education institutions should work towards the realisation of social goals.

Dr Abdul Aziz Sultan, speaking at the seminar organised by the Cultural Committee of Kuwait University Teachers Society, said that since Kuwait was not an industrialised country it was unable to profit from an historical perspective on higher education administration.

### Documentation centre

DIRECTOR general of the information documentation centre for the Arab Gulf states Dr Jassim Jerjees said the centre has begun documentation of addresses, statements and activities of HH the Amir of Kuwait and the Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani.

In statements to Kuna, Jerjees who recently visited Kuwait said the centre is continuing efforts to implement the information network of the Arab Gulf states.

The Baghdad-based centre will organise a number of training courses with the purpose of stepping up efficiency of media men in the Gulf, he said.

## UAE probes multi-million dollar fraud case

ABU DHABI, April 29. (AP): Security authorities in the United Arab Emirates are examining a billion-dollar fraud case in which names of prominent world personalities, including US Secretary of State George P. Shultz, were allegedly exploited, court sources said yesterday.

The sources in Ras Al Khaimah, one of the seven emirates which make up the UAE, said a bogus company managed by three US citizens said to be professional tricksters, allegedly sold gold certificates worth around 1.5 billion dollars in the United States and Europe against non-existing gold reserves.

The company's allegedly fraudulent activities here were discovered by the UAE Central Bank when it tried to strike its first 500-million-dollar deal to buy a bank in Ras Al Khaimah in exchange for the alleged gold

reserves, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

According to the sources, the company used the names of senior UAE officials which were not revealed and a contract purportedly signed by Shultz showing the company's legitimate registration in the United States.

The Central Bank issued a circular, warning banks in the country that the company's claim to have a head-office called "Grand American First" in Ras Al Khaimah was false.

**Suit**  
Describing the case as the largest ever of its kind in this country, the sources said the court has ordered that the three absconding Americans, who recently visited the UAE, be tracked down and brought to Ras Al Khaimah for trial.

Two local accomplices, an Indian bank manager and an Arab publicity agent, have

already appeared before the Ras Al Khaimah court, which adjourned the case until May 7 at the request of the defence, they said.

The company called "Grand American Bank Credit Establishment" claimed to hold precious metal mines and a stock of gold and platinum in Switzerland and the United States, giving their head office in Ras Al Khaimah under the name of "Grand American First."

The case came to light when a suit was filed in the United States by an American businessman who claimed he had paid 2.7 million dollars for documents to purchase gold which later turned to be forged, the sources said.

The company, according to the files of the Ras Al Khaimah court, was chaired by one of the Americans, with another as his vice chairman while the Arab was their deputy executive manager.



● A small fire broke out in the printing press of Al Balagh magazine at about 11 am yesterday, and was quickly extinguished. A cleaner was slightly injured and losses were limited to small quantities of paper and other printed material. Top picture shows firemen putting out the flames and the bottom picture shows the injured cleaner in an ambulance.





## SUNDAY

- 8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 The Care Bears: cartoons  
8.30 Danger Bay: a rare species of fossil fish.  
9.00 News in English  
9.40 Islamic Horizon  
9.50 Islam and Muslims Around the World  
10.40 Flying Doctors  
11.30 Together We Stand: Jack is just a little dishonest while doing his homework and has to pay for it. Comedy. Starring: Elliott Gould, Dee Wallace, Katie O'Neill, Key Huy Quin, Natasha Bobo and Scott Grimes.  
12.00 Best-Seller: Alamo: Western. The Texans rebel against interference from the central government.  
1.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## MONDAY

- 8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Wildlife: cartoon serial  
8.30 The Animal express  
9.00 News in English  
9.40 Islamic Horizon  
9.50 Faith and Science  
10.30 Murder She Wrote: Jessica's sister, a singer, is invited to the UK by a lord. Everything goes wrong for the girl and Jessica has to help.  
11.30 Survival: "Galapagos". The waters surrounding the islands are extremely cold, and a breeding ground of several species.  
12.00 Hanoi: the lawyer's case is complicated when his client commits a crime.  
1.30 News in Brief

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Sultan Gallery**  
"The Islamic Heritage of Spain" is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg, Al Soor St.

## THEATRE

**French Concert**  
The French Al Kindi quartet will give a recital of classical Arabic music and French baroque on Sunday, May 1, 8.30 pm at the Meridien Hotel. The Kindi Quartet comprises Julien Weiss (piano), Larbi Ouechnei (kaman), Mohammad Sagda (flute) and Adel Shams Eddine (riq). Tickets — KD 5 — available from the Cultural Centre, Jabriya, Meridien Hotel and Voltaire Institute.

## TV CORNER

## This week on KTV 2

1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## TUESDAY

- 8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Pole Position: cartoons  
8.30 Punky Brewster: on Halloween eve, Punky and her friends harass an old woman living in the neighbourhood.  
9.00 News in English  
9.40 Islamic Horizon  
10.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: a look at the blue stork.  
10.30 Leg Work: "Blind Trust". Claire's maid is sought after by young men after getting a large sum of money.  
11.20 Q.E.D.: documentary  
12.00 Feature film: "My Palikari". Starring: Kate Gordon. A Greek immigrant decides to return home after living in the US for 35 years. Trouble starts when his son refuses to go back.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## WEDNESDAY

- 8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 The Adventures of Gummi Bears: cartoons  
8.30 Growing Pains: Jason hires an old man to do repairs in the house, and is opposed by the entire family.  
9.00 News in English

9.40 Islamic Horizon  
9.50 Islam and Muslims around the world

- 10.40 J.J. Starbuck: employees in Starbuck's refinery are taken hostage by an arms dealer.  
11.30 Wildlife on One: "Sulawesi: Island of Discovery". A visit to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi.  
12.00 Sledge Hammer: Sledge goes berserk when he and his partner cannot arrest a burglar on the run.  
12.30 Private Eye: Jack helps Joe to arrest a drugs pusher.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## THURSDAY

- 8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Centurions: cartoons  
8.30 The Mickey Mouse Club  
9.00 News in English  
9.40 Islamic Horizon  
9.50 TV: Bloopers and Practical Jokes.  
10.30 Spenser for Hire: Spenser's friend is shot dead in mysterious circumstances. Spenser is not too happy when he learns the truth about his friend's work.  
11.30 The Bill Cosby Show: Cliff challenges his children, and much to his surprise, they win the bet.  
11.55 Late Night Movie: "Echoes of a Summer"



Sledge Hammer is up in arms against a burglar on the run in this week's episode on Wednesday night.

starring: Richard Harris, Louis Nettelton. An 11-year-old girl, dying of disease, spends her last summer in an exotic village, with her parents.  
1.30 News summary  
1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## FRIDAY

- 1.45 Holy Quran  
2.00 Basketball  
3.45 Big League Soccer  
4.45 Feature film  
6.30 Italian soccer  
8.10 Transformers: cartoons  
8.30 Out of this World: "Broadway Danny Derek". Eva and Donna dislike a student but believe he deserves a second chance.  
9.00 News in English

9.40 Islamic Horizon  
9.50 Understanding Islam: local religious programme

- 10.30 The Beauty and the Beast: a plot to murder an Irish politician is foiled.  
11.30 227: Mary and her friends go into business — and it thrives, until...  
12.00 Guinness Records: world records are set by daring men and women in mountain climbing, skating and sleight of hand games.  
12.30 The Wiseguy: a dangerous underworld boss is exposed by the undercover agents. Starring: Ken Wahl.  
1.30 News summary  
1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

## HOTELS

**At the Holiday Inn**  
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including foul and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaniya for breakfast (iftar).  
**At the Hilton**  
Break your fast with family and friends in La Palma, open daily from sunset to 1.30 am. La Palma offers iftar buffet with thirst quenching drinks and Ramadan specials. A special a la carte menu is offered from iftar to 1.30 am.

Entertain friends or colleagues in La Patisserie, open daily from sunset until midnight. Coffee, cool drinks, ice cream, fresh juice and pastries are on offer.  
The Failaka Restaurant has been closed for the month of Ramadan.

lots of surprises and prizes. Show will be compered by David Burfoot and Julio Cordoz. Dinner features Indian and Continental cuisine. For reservations call Raveen — 4714518; Mercedes 4890566; Carmello — 4835488/232.

**German Economic Meeting**  
The embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany will hold the first economic meeting. 1988, on April 30, 8 pm, in the Terrace Room, Hilton Hotel. Representatives of all German companies operating in Kuwait are welcome.

**YMCA Holiday Special**  
The Young Men Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

**Laser Sailing**  
Single Design Dinghy Sailing Club is being formed. Laser sailing enthusiasts contact Ken Balman on 5624111 ext. 751/739.

**Young Goans Association**  
Seven-a-side football tournament on May 17, Al Sour Ground. Draw on same day at 7.30 am. Tournament begins at 7.45 am. For details contact Almeida on 4813740.

## SOCIAL

**Swedish Ladies Meeting**  
Swedish ladies monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 4 pm, at the residence of Mrs Barbro Ericson-Peterson in Surra.

**Summer Affair 88**  
The Weekend Club will host Summer Affair 88 at the Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid Al Fitr. Music by Next of Kin, Top Ranks and Apaches. A talent contest with

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 12.45 Holy Quran  
1.00 Tao Tao: cartoons  
1.23 World News via Satellite  
1.55 Al Maotamid Bin Ibaad: Historical serial.  
2.52 Istafarat Ramadan  
3.35 Dukkan Al Duniya: local serial, featuring Muna Wasel, Mohammad Al Ibad, Jayana Eid.  
4.32 Tazzawaj Wa Ibtasama Lilhayat: Arabic comedy.  
5.29 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar  
6.37 Mumlikat Haiwan: cartoons  
6.46 Aher Iftar  
7.00 Madinat Al Riyadh:

- children's serial, starring Khalid Al Obaid, Maryam Al Ghadban  
8.12 Noor Al Islam  
8.42 Security and Citizens  
9.20 Deirat Al Khair: Charity  
9.39 Ramadan Contest  
10.00 News in Arabic  
11.00 Iz'aj: local serial  
11.50 Thaman Al Khauf: late night serial with artist Abbas Jamil  
12.48 Late Night Show  
1.47 News Summary  
2.00 Holy Quran/Closedown

- 8.45 Football: The Amir's Cup. Live transmission from Al Yamouk Club.  
10.45 Alf: the creature from outer space starts "reading human minds".  
11.08 The Blue Knight: Morgan's friend is assaulted by loan sharks.  
12.05 Late Night Movie: "Outrage".  
1.40 News in Brief  
1.45 Magazine D'Actualite  
1.50 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Forty Hadith  
8.30 News in English

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

- 0900 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsreel  
30 Personal View  
45 Recording of the Week (ex 9th Grand National Preview)  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Juke Box Dury (ex 30th Andy Kerbury's World of Music)  
45 Nature Notebook  
0200 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Network UK  
30 People and Politics  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain

- 15 The World Today  
30 Europe's World  
45 Business Matters  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Here's Humph! (ex 9th Grand National Preview)  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Personal View  
45 The World Today  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Meridian  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From the Weeklies  
45 Network UK  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 A Jolly Good Show

- 0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The World Today  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Personal View  
1000 News Summary followed by Here's Humph!  
15 Letter from America  
30 People and Politics  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Big Bands — The Singers  
30 Meridian  
1200 Radio Newsreel  
15 Multitrack 3  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Network UK  
45 Sportsworld

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Ajeel Pharmacy  
Palestine St., Mubarakia  
Al Muntasar Pharmacy  
Ahmed Al Jaber St.  
**Hawalli and Nagra**  
Al Najat Pharmacy  
Maryam Yusuf Bldg., Block 6, St. 63, Hawalli  
Salmiya and Rumaitiya  
Al Vinikiya Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahaaheel and Ahmadi  
Al Ittibad Pharmacy  
Makkah St., F'heel.  
**Old Khaitan**  
Al Ahram Pharmacy  
Block 2, Sulaiman Saleh Al Rahimani Bldg.  
**Riqqai**  
Al Riqqai Pharmacy  
Badr Salem Al Ali Bldg. No. 12.  
**Jahra**  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

## CINEMA TODAY

**Al Andalus**  
Let's Get Harry  
Starring: Mark Harmon, Robert Duvall

**Al Sahniya**  
Brazil  
Starring: Jonathan Price, Robert De Niro

**Al Hamra**  
Hikayat Nus Million Dollar (Arabic)  
Starring: Yahya Fakhriani, Iham Shahin

**Drive-In**  
Bustaan Al Dam (Arabic)  
Starring: Adel Adham, Yusra

**Al Firdos**  
Jaun Hatheli Pe (Hindi)  
Starring: Dharmendra, Hema Malini

**Fahaaheel Open Air**  
Tum Hasin Main Jawan (Hindi)

**Al Fahaaheel**  
Jaitra Yatra (Malayalam)

**Al Jahra**  
Belstone Fox

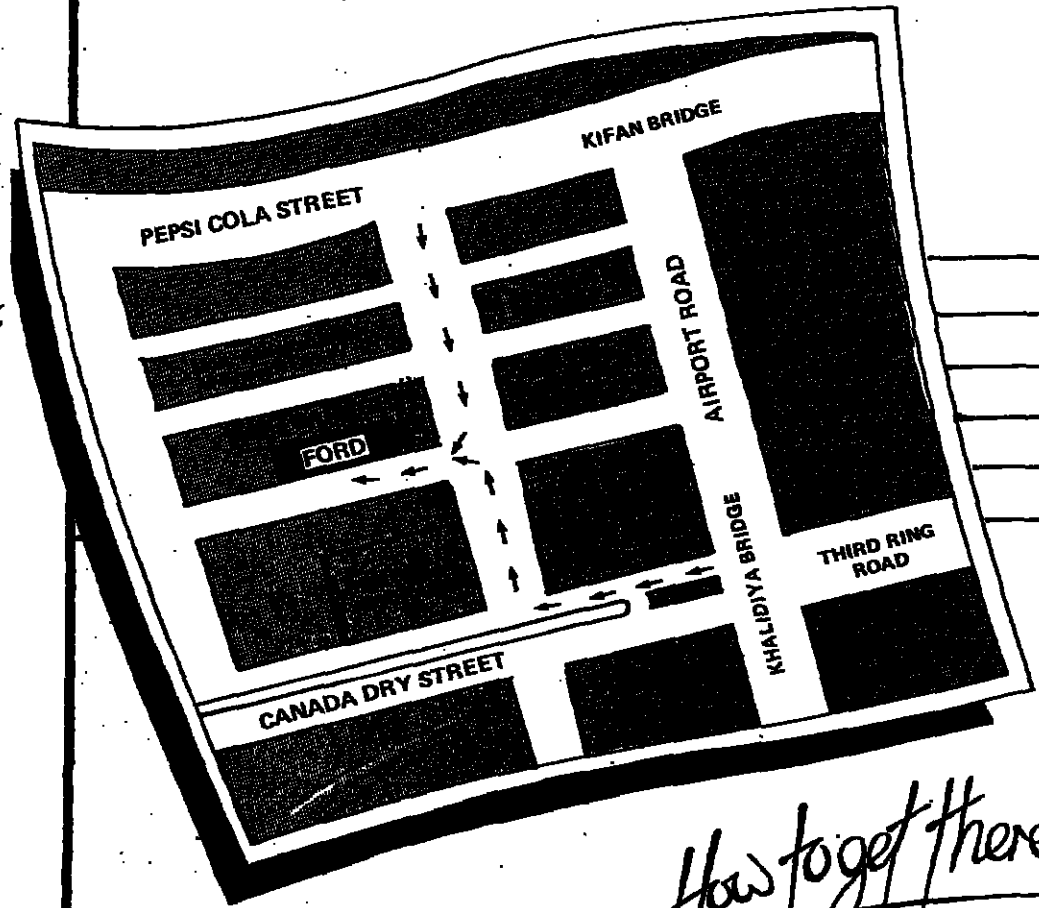
**Granada**  
Carry On Screaming  
Salaibikhat  
Shabab Fi Al Jaheem (Arabic)

**Al Jleeb**  
Tarzan's Secret Treasure

**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
Wise Guys

**PRAYERS**  
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Zuhr 11.45  
Asr 3.21 pm  
Maghreb 6.24  
Isha 7.47

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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THERE is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so — William Shakespeare, English playwright (1564-1616).

## Israelis concerned over PLO-Syria ties

By Masha Hamilton

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): The first steps towards a rapprochement between the PLO and Syria reflect a Syrian desire for more influence in Israeli-occupied territories and a need by Yasser Arafat for Syrian help in Lebanon, according to Israeli analysts.

The analysts say that if a rapprochement comes about, it could further complicate US-backed peace efforts in the Middle East and lead to intensified Arab rioting in the occupied territories.

The two leaders discussed in Damascus on Monday the US peace plan and the nearly five-year Arab uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, according to Syrian and Palestinian sources.

It was Arafat's first visit to the Syrian capital since Assad expelled him on June 24, 1984, amid a Syrian-backed PLO mutiny against Arafat's leadership.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel's response to the meeting would be to heighten its alert along its borders and in the West Bank and Gaza, where Palestinians have staged their most violent protests in 21 years of Israeli occupation.

Commandos have tried 11 times to infiltrate Israel from Lebanon in five months. In an attempt Tuesday, two Israeli soldiers and three guerrillas were killed.

Dan Meridor, a member of the Israeli parliament who is very close to Shamir, said in a TV broadcast that "I know the Lebanese area is an area from which the PLO would like to operate and would, of course, want Syrian assistance. I hope Assad will not make such a mistake. I assume we would not see it in a favourable light."

Arafat may also want to improve his relations with Syria because his pragmatic wing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation was weakened by the April 16 assassination of his deputy Khalil Al Wazir, military analyst Zeev Schiff told the Associated Press.

Al Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, was buried in Damascus. He was popular with both Arafat loyalists and pro-Syrian dissidents.

Israeli sources have said Israel carried out the killing, but government officials have declined comment. Long-divided Pales-

tinian factions all vowed revenge.

"The Abu Jihad killing hurt Arafat's supporters and may have been an impetus for this meeting. Arafat wants to appear more radical," said Schiff, a correspondent for the daily Haaretz. "This meeting shows the PLO leaders are like a pendulum, moving from one position to another."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin noted that either Syria or the PLO would have to compromise to achieve an alliance, and he warned that Assad would not be the one to moderate his position.

Instead, Rabin predicted on Israel television, "The Syrians will demand from him (Arafat) extreme positions that will pull him away from Jordan, from Egypt."

## Isolated

Yossi Olmert, a Middle East specialist with Tel Aviv University, said Jordan's King Hussein was likely to be isolated by a PLO-Syrian alliance because he was more moderate than Assad and willing to discuss a resolution to the Middle East conflict.

Olmert said the meeting was also bad for the United States, which has spent the last several months promoting a peace plan for the Middle East.

Both Israeli and Arab officials already have criticised the Shultz plan.

"The PLO and Syrian share interests on several issues. They both want to keep pressure on Israel from the territories and from Lebanon, Olmert told the AP.

Nevertheless, Olmert and others predicted the Arafat-Assad meeting would have an impact in the occupied territories.

"The 'sulha in Damascus' will fuel further unrest in the territories," predicted correspondent Uzi Machnaimi in the daily Yediot Ahronot, using the Arabic word for a meeting of reconciliation.

For their part, Palestinians in the occupied territories applauded the reported reconciliation.

"The PLO-Syrian reconciliation will double the power of the uprising," said Bassam Shakaa, deposed mayor of the West Bank's largest city, Nablus.

"With this meeting between Arafat and Assad, the fighting spirit of the Palestinians will soar."

## Mitterrand remains an enigma in France

PARIS, (Reuters): Francois Mitterrand won the first round of the presidential election on Sunday after keeping France guessing for months whether he would seek a second mandate at the age of 71.

Critics denounced the Socialist leader as "the prince of ambiguity" for refusing to reveal his intentions.

But while his rightist challengers fought out internal squabbles, Mitterrand built up a war chest of popularity for the coming battle against his chief challenger, Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

Mitterrand says he returned to the campaign trail to save France from what he calls the rapacious "bands and factions" of the right.

His adversaries see another reason: the desire of an obstinate old man to wreak revenge on Chirac, who forced him into a humiliating power-sharing exercise two years ago.

Mitterrand, who in 1981 entered the history books as the first Socialist elected president of France under the Fifth Republic, suffered two setbacks during his seven-year term.

**Austerity**  
Setting out with a radical left programme of nationalisations and job-creation, Mitterrand was forced in 1983 to change tack and follow an austerity policy after several France crises.

In March 1986, his Socialist party lost a general election to Chirac's centre-right coalition, which took control of parliament.

The defeat forced Mitterrand to name Chirac as his prime minister while he retreated to pockets of power in defence and foreign affairs.

But he sprang back in a new role as arbiter above the fray of everyday politics. His nickname of "Tonton" — uncle in baby talk — summed up his new role.

"Mitterrand died in 1986, but he was reborn in the form of a

president who criticised the government," said political scientist Olivier Duhamel. "The French like this."

Like a good bourgeois couple, Chirac and Mitterrand hid their differences from the gaze of foreigners but were always wary of each other.

"Like cats, we sleep with one eye open," Mitterrand said.

Mitterrand, a late convert to socialism, has made pragmatism his watchword.

He took over the Socialists in 1971 and made them France's biggest party and a vehicle for his presidential ambitions.

The experience of power from 1981-86 stripped the party of much radical rhetoric, reconciling it with the mixed economy and pushing it into line with other West European socialists.

In his re-election bid, he has turned his back on the party to give himself full freedom to fish for centrist votes.

The word socialism does not appear in his platform, a 13-page document full of calls for justice and equality but short on politics. The party's red rose symbol has been banished from his campaign.

The fifth of eight children born to a railway station manager in southwest France in 1916, Mitterrand is the only presidential candidate to have fought against the Nazis in World War II.

## Wounded

Wounded and captured, he escaped to France at the third attempt and became active in the resistance. After the liberation, he plunged into a political career, becoming the fourth republic's youngest minister at the age of 30.

He served in 11 of the 23 governments formed during fourth republic and was rarely out of office until 1958 when he opposed De Gaulle's return to power and found himself in the political wilderness.

## Resumption of Saudi relations with Soviets

## Afghan accord paves way for rapprochement

By Patrick Werr

BAHRAIN, (Reuters): The Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan is expected to set the stage for a resumption of formal relations between Moscow and staunchly anti-communist Saudi Arabia after a 50-year break. Diplomats and political analysts say.

They said that by putting an ambassador in the kingdom, long a bastion of American influence, the Soviet Union would score a major coup that might be quickly followed in Bahrain and Qatar, the only two other Arab countries that still have no ties with Moscow.

"The Saudis have made Afghanistan a condition for so long it would be hard for them to back down now," said one diplomat.

According to an agreement signed in Geneva on April 15, the Soviet Union on May 15 will begin a nine-month withdrawal from Afghanistan of an estimated 115,000 troops, ending

nine years of occupation.

In 1927, the Soviet Union was the first country to recognise the new Saudi kingdom but there have been no formal ties since 1938 when the last Soviet ambassador was asked to leave.

## Opposed

The intensely-religious kingdom, home to Islam's two holiest sites, has long been opposed to what it describes as atheist communism and is a major backer of Afghan Muslim guerrillas. It now maintains no formal ties with any Eastern bloc country or with communist China.

But diplomats and analysts say the Saudis have been driven more by suspicion of Soviet motives in the Middle East than by religious zeal.

Mark Katz, a Washington-based analyst of Soviet-Arab relations, told Reuters the Saudis are impressed with the liberalism introduced by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

They also feel Moscow is now less interested in supporting

radical leftist movements than a decade or two ago.

Diplomats said a Soviet flag in Riyadh's new diplomatic quarter would make the Americans stand up and take notice of one of their major allies that feels it is ignored.

Relations between Riyadh and Washington have increasingly been strained by Congress's humiliating refusal to approve weapon sales to the kingdom and by US support for Israel.

Turned away by their traditional arms supplier, the Saudis have turned more and more to other countries for their defence needs.

One recent country to fill the void was China, which sold the Saudis medium range missiles. When the Americans protested, the Saudis made it clear the US ambassador was no longer welcome in Riyadh, diplomatic sources said.

The ambassador returned to Washington and a new one was named.

Diplomats say Moscow stands to gain from the Saudi disenchantment with the United States. They want the Saudis to persuade the Afghan guerrillas to allow a smooth withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Moscow would like port facilities for its Gulf fleet, and the respectability conferred by having relations with Saudi Arabia might convince a country like the United Arab Emirates to accept Soviet ships, diplomats say.

The Saudi-Soviet courtship began in 1983 when Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal visited Moscow as part of an Arab League delegation.

It has included, since the beginning of this year, the sale to the Soviet Union of 170,000 tonnes of wheat. The wheat was part of a mountain of grain built up by massive Saudi farm subsidies.

Last year Prince Saud returned to Moscow as a representative of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and in February Vladimir

Polyakov, director of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East desk, became the highest ranking Soviet official to visit the kingdom since 1938.

But in spite of the high-level courtship, the Saudis are likely to wait until the troop withdrawal is certain before exchanging diplomats.

Other Saudi reservations include the apparent unwillingness of the Kremlin to go along with an arms embargo against Iran. But the prospect of relations with Saudi Arabia might make the pull of antagonising the Iranians with an embargo easier for Moscow to swallow.

Katz, who recently visited the kingdom, said that in the past, the Saudis have had other conditions. These included a Soviet withdrawal from South Yemen and Ethiopia and more freedom for Soviet Muslims to make the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. But he said they were unlikely to press these too hard.

In recent years only some two

dozen officials have been allowed by the Kremlin to make the annual pilgrimage, Katz said. China, also courting the Saudis, has allowed 3,000 to 4,000 Muslim pilgrims to travel to the kingdom every year.

Some diplomats think that in order to show even-handedness the Saudis might open ties simultaneously with communist China. The Chinese, with few political ambitions in the Middle East, present less of a threat than does the Soviet Union, they say.

Early this month deputy Foreign Minister Qi Huanyuan became the highest ranking Chinese official to visit the kingdom.

A stumbling block remains the question of Taiwan, which maintains a strong commercial and diplomatic presence in the kingdom.

The Saudis might find it hard to switch recognition from the Nationalist Chinese, whose sole embassy in the Arab world is in Riyadh.

## Uprising prompts war of ads in US

By Neil MacFarquhar

NEW YORK, (AP): On the West Bank and Gaza Strip, rocks and bullets are the projectiles of choice in the battle between Israelis and Palestinians. In America, the battle is waged with newspaper advertisements.

"Sometimes the only way to get what you want said into the newspaper is to pay for it," said Ruth Popkin, president of Hadassah, the Jewish women's group that placed an ad calling for a dialogue between women in the Middle East.

There are ads that call for an end to all aid to apartheid Israel. There are ads that say, "We stand with (Israelis) in your hour of trial, are confident in your essential decency and commitment to democratic values."

Readers of the New York Times and the Washington Post have grown accustomed to such ads through the years; the Christian Science Monitor, the Wall Street Journal, the Boston Globe, the Nation, Harper's and the New York Review of Books also are favoured media for issues ads.

But the volume of such ads is increasing and spreading to smaller newspapers like the

Santa Barbara (California) News-Press.

"There's been an increase in the number of opinion ads related to the Middle East from a variety of sources with a variety of different positions," said William Adler, a spokesman for the New York Times Co.

Robert Rawls, responsible for advocacy advertising at the Post, says the paper considers it an important source of revenue.

"We particularly carry a lot of advertising on anything concerning Israel or the Middle East because those different groups have money to spend," he said.

Free speech is not cheap. A full-page ad in the New York Times costs as much as \$40,000 dollar; a similar ad in the Washington Post can cost \$30,000.

Though Arab-Americans have purchased some ads, most have been initiated by Jews. The divergent viewpoints reflects conflicts within the Jewish community on Israel's policies in the occupied territories.

In March, Daniel Benson and four other New York City professionals organised the ad hoc committee for Middle East policy options.

Benson said the five put up

\$36,000 for the first of a series of ads in the Times because they wanted visiting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to know that some American Jews support his position.

**Pressure**  
They joined "the war of the ads", as he called it, to decrease the pressure on Israel to "trade territory for so-called peace."

"We see the riots as just another phase in the campaign against Israel, in the war against Israel," said Benson.

In contrast, Mark Bruzonsky, an attorney who used to work for the American Jewish Congress, arranged an ad that advocates reducing both US aid to Israel and military and intelligence cooperation.

"We as American Jews don't want to be associated with what Israel is doing," said Bruzonsky. "It's both embarrassing and shameful that the United States continues to support these policies, which are abhorrent."

"It is no secret that the Jewish lobby is extremely powerful, members of Congress are afraid of speaking out," Bruzonsky said. "That made it more important that American Jews like ourselves have the courage to speak out."

Michael Lerner, editor of Tik-

kun magazine and an organiser of an ad campaign calling for an end to the military occupation, said courage is necessary. He says he has received death threats in the mail due to the ads.

But Jack Mondak says his Fifth Avenue apartment has been inundated with mail supporting his full-page ads in the Times calling upon Israel to maintain control over the territories.

"It is not true that some people say that the American Jewish community is divided over Israel; 99 per cent are steadfast behind Israel," he said. He has spent \$300,000 of his publishing fortune on ads in dozens of papers.

Faris Bouhafa, spokesman for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, said his organisation prefers to post handbills in the subway. But the committee is a member of the Council of Presidents of Arab-American Organisations, which has advertised.

Jewish ads outnumber Arab ads by a two-to-one margin because "the organised Jewish community, especially in New York, feels very defensive about the way that Israel is perceived right now. They're trying to offset that negative image with paid advertising," he said.

## China shuns its radical past

By Ann Scott Tyson

SHENYANG, China: Towering above the hubbub of buses and bicycles in Shenyang's central square, a 60-foot likeness of Mao Tse-tung solemnly salutes an era this industrial town would rather forget.

City officials erected the statue during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, when Mao's personality cult grew to grotesque proportions. Worship of Mao was encouraged by his nephew, Mao Yuanxin, who lorded over Shenyang and northeastern China.

In those days, Shenyang's blue-collar workers ranked among the most fanatical supporters of Mao's campaign to "overthrow the capitalist roaders." "Revolutionary committees" manned by workers seized control of the city's several thousand factories. Worker activists glorified egalitarianism and the "iron rice bowl" of fixed wages. Industry stagnated. Since Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping rejected Mao's utopian policies for economic pragmatism in the late 1970s, the revolutionary committees have disbanded.

For the first time in China's post-revolutionary history, the reforms are giving enterprise managers full control over factories. Managers now decide



Mao Tse-tung

Shunning its radical past, Shenyang has emerged today as a maverick in market-oriented reforms aimed at granting unprecedented autonomy to China's more than 1 million state- and collectively owned enterprises. The city's party secretary, Li Zemin, said Shenyang took the initiative in launching reforms, without state approval.

For the first time in China's post-revolutionary history, the reforms are giving enterprise managers full control over factories. Managers now decide

how to make goods, invest capital, raise finances, and pay workers. The manager's fate is linked to the firm's.

Chinese officials and Western diplomats say the enterprise reforms are vital to curbing the chronic waste and inefficiency fostered by China's central planning system. "Innovating" enterprises is the aim of Peking's economic programme for 1988, they say.

Peking plans to finish implementing the enterprise reforms throughout the nation in three to five years, Chinese officials say.

The law, which was blocked by conservatives for four years, is aimed at improving enterprise management by shifting administrative power from politically motivated party cadres to skilled factory directors.

One of the most daring experiments pioneered by Shenyang is leasing. When an enterprise is leased to a director, he or she takes full responsibility for the firm's gains and losses—a highly risky obligation in socialist China.

Ling Fangqiu is director of the Shenyang auto-fuel pump factory, the first industrial enterprise leased in China since the 1949 revolution. During his first three years as lessee, Ling personally earned 90,000 yuan (\$24,258), or 30 per cent of the firm's after-tax profits. An income of 10,000 yuan (\$2,695) defines a "millionaire" in China. The average annual per capita income for urban residents was 916 yuan (\$246) last year.

**Risks**  
Today, however, Ling risks losing his fortune as quickly as he acquired it. After reaping the initial gains of a new worker incentive scheme, the little pump factory last year went into the red.

"Market conditions changed, we lacked ideological preparation... and we didn't work hard enough," Ling explained sheepishly. Ling made a hefty profit of 360,000 yuan (\$97,035) this year to cover government taxes and the rent charged by the factory's parent company. If he fails, he'll have to dig into his personal savings account.

More than a fifth of Shenyang's 9,500 enterprises have adopted the leasing system. Some have fallen deeply into debt, but many have prospered. Another kind of enterprise reform promoted in Shenyang is contracting, which is practised in 15 per cent of the city's factories. Unlike the more risky leasing,

which is limited to small plants, contracting is permitted for large- and medium-sized firms. Contracts require that managers and workers meet targets for profits, output, and other economic measures or face stiff wage and bonus cuts.

"The basic problem of reform is a lack of enthusiasm. The solution is competition," said Li Zhengzhi, director of Shenyang's electrotechnical machinery works. Li is on contract.

**Flourished**  
Shenyang's industry has flourished since the enterprise reforms gained momentum in 1984. The city's gross industrial output and profits have roughly doubled, greatly boosting workers' wages.

But the reforms also have costs for the city's 5.3 million people. They widen income gaps and create a potential for social dislocation unknown in the days of Mao's "iron rice bowl." Factories that can't beat the competition are now frequently auctioned or merged with others.

Bankruptcy is also a threat. Workers went on a rampage at one factory after officials gave them a bankruptcy warning. They plundered chairs and workbenches for firewood and demanded free meals from the factory cafeteria.

Beyond these immediate concerns, Chinese officials say enterprise reforms face long-term social and economic obstacles.

Chinese firms are burdened by heavy social-welfare obligations that stymie efficiency. Factories must provide workers with a myriad of basic necessities—from housing to haircuts. And 20 million of these workers are redundant, but can't be fired on that ground alone.

Another problem is Peking's failure, for political reasons, to adequately relax state controls on the nation's rigid pricing system. Unless prices for goods and raw materials reflect true market values, enterprises cannot respond rationally to market demands. Yet price reform is extremely unpopular. Last year, inflation caused average real wages for urban workers to stagnate.

As Shenyang and other Chinese cities advance in reform, they will face tough trade-offs between economic growth and social stability. The ideological straitjacket of Mao's age is gone. But today's open-ended pragmatism exposes the Chinese to uncertainty about what kind of society is in the making.

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## Punjab survivors flee to village haven

By Hugh Pain

BEAS, India, (Reuters): Nirmala Rani stares into an empty future, her daughter on her knee, another child growing inside her slender body. Her listless eyes say nothing.

It is not easy to be a widow in India.

On Jan 1 this year, armed men came for her husband's eldest brother, Charanjit, a keeper of a small shop in Jhote village, Punjab.

Next they rounded up the middle brother, Kewal Krishna, in his shop in nearby Batala, and not far away in Ghazwal they found her husband, Kuldeep Rai, who was 22. They killed all of them.

"They had issued no threats—my sons had no enemies," says Satya Devi, Nirmala's mother-in-law.

Their only crime in the eyes of the killers, who are fighting for a separate Sikh state, was they were Hindus in a Sikh district.

Unlike the younger woman, Satya is plump and articulate, with a controlled desperation.

"I don't know what we can do—how we can earn a living. I have only one son left and he has only one hand, from an accident in childhood."

**Killings**  
After the killings, Satya, the three widows and their eight children lived in her house in Jhote for two months, wondering what to do next. But in March their landlord, fearing reprisals, told them they had to go.

It was then that they heard of the dera (religious community) run by the Radha Soami Sat-sang, an unorthodox—some would say heretical—Sikh sect devoted to the teachings of its living guru, Maharaj Charan Singh.

Only two months ago a small party of frightened, homeless Punjabis begged shelter in the spacious grounds of the dera in this small riverside town, and the Maharaj took them in.

The word soon spread and a steady trickle of people, averaging 20 a day, now arrives in Beas seeking shelter.

Each of them is vetted by retired brigadier Gorbachan Singh Bal, its administrator, who listens to their tales and admits those, Hindus and Sikhs alike, who are in genuine need.

More than 800 people now live

here, most of them with harrowing tales of lives shattered by the violence that has brought death to more than 600 people in Punjab this year.

Niranjan Singh and his wife, Swaran Kaur, saw their son, daughter and daughter-in-law shot dead before their eyes. They themselves survived, but with a bullet through the mouth, she with wounds in her side, her thigh and her arm.

A second son, coming to see them in hospital a few days later, was gunned down in Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

"Yes," says Niranjan, "my elder son was a police informer. But when he was killed the police said he was a smuggler shot in inter-gang warfare. I do not know why—perhaps to save paying compensation. We have received nothing. This is our son's reward."

"We have no other place," said Swaran. "If we go back to our village they would kill us."

The extremists have struck in villages all around the dera; the nearest only a kilometre (half-mile) away.

But the community, guarded by armed police and watched over by the hundreds of voluntary workers who run it, has so far escaped as a haven for the ever-growing number of survivors who have no other place to go.

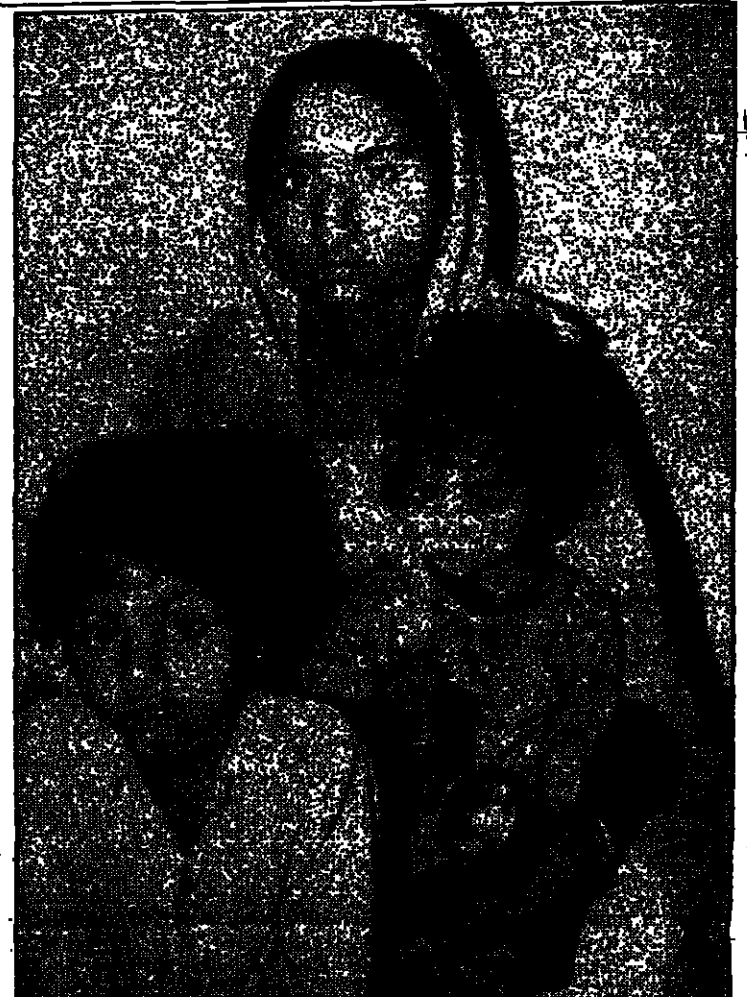
**Fed**  
Fortunately, the dera has religious gatherings several times a year during which up to 400,000 people are fed and temporarily housed, so accommodation and care are no problem.

The brigadier and his staff run it with military efficiency, and if they ever wonder whether the gunmen, or even the sheer numbers of refugees, may one day overwhelm their peaceful community, they give no sign of it.

Kundav Singh was a farmer in Khaleera, not far from here. On Feb 6 he was killed along with his wife, two sons, a daughter, her fiancé, a daughter-in-law and another relative. A second daughter, married to a suspected extremist, was kidnapped and has not been heard from since.

Nissan Singh, the only surviving son, fled with his wife to Beas. "Our whole family is gone," he said. "We shall stay until the state is peaceful."

The brigadier may have a long task ahead.



Nirmala Rani, a widow with her two children at Radha Soami Sat-sang refugee camp in Beas. The Sikh extremists killed all the male members of her family. (Reuters wirephoto)



Many new films in the pipeline

# Business is booming in filmland

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

BUSINESS is booming in film-land. Many new films were launched recently with a bang, and the shooting for many others is going on in full swing. This week we will concentrate on these films, to give readers an idea of what's cooking in the studios covered with stardust.

Jeetendra, Rekha, Rishi Kapoor and Mandakini head the cast of R.A. Films Sheshnaag. The film was launched at a specially erected set at Chandivali Studios. A huge cut-out of the film's logo was carved at the entrance of the studio and the Sheshnaag flags adorned the venue. Jeetendra and Rishi Kapoor broke the auspicious coconut jointly, music director Laxmikant sounded the clapperboard and Mandakini switched on the camera, while Rekha, Anupam Kher and Shatrughan Sinha featured in the muburat shot. The dialogue rendered by the artists were:

Anupam Kher: "Is din tera baap maraga, main ghar main ghee ke diye jalaoonga, sare mohalle mein laddu baitaoonga. Saari dulaat par naag ka phan mare baita hai. Saala mara hi nahin."

Rekha: "Mere pita ko lambi umar dena, hey sheshnaag." The film is produced by Nalini Shankar and directed by K.R. Reddy.

With the conclusion of a long shooting stint Biloo Badshah is 80 per cent complete. Participants in the schedule included Shatrughan Sinha, Kadar Khan, Gulshan Grover, Goga Kapoor, Mac Mohan and junior artistes. Biloo Badshah also stars Anita Raj, Govinda, Neelam, Sumeet Saigal, Archana Joglekar, and Jagdeep (in a special appearance). The film is directed by Sisir Mishra. A whole middle-class area was created inside Filmalaya Studio, including the joint family house of Shatrughan, who plays a rickshaw. The fly in the ointment is a rich city girl who enters the family as a daughter-in-law.

Jeetendra, Raj Babbar and Kimi Katkar head the cast of Anam Yudh. The film co-stars Shakti Kapoor and Anand Khan. Two top heroines are yet to be finalised. The producer is Janesh Dayal and the director, Ashok Tyagi. Anam Yudh will be shot in India, Nepal and USA. A special attraction is the Canadian beauty Karen Baldwin who is cast as the second heroine. She won the title of Miss World '87.

Producer Arvind Sekaria



Left to right: Jeetendra, Rekha, Mandakini and Rishi on the sets of Sheshnaag, which was launched with much fanfare



Govinda (centre) on the sets with Farha and Jaya Prada.

has signed Sonam in the female lead for Mr & Mrs 420 to be directed by Sudarshan Rattan. Music is by Bappi Lahiri. They obviously want to revive the success of R.K.'s Shri 420. Similarly, Rekha has started a film called Madam X, to follow Mr X.

Arjun Sablok and Shikha Swarup who won the title of Miss India 1987 will head the cast of producer Rajiv Mehrotra's Production No. 1 to be made under the banner of Indo-Austral Movies. The film will also star Suresh Oberoi and

Gulshan Grover.

Director Raj Sippy recently completed a long shooting in Ooty for Mahadev which is now almost complete. Vinod Khanna, Meenakshi, Sonu Walia, Anupam Kher and Shakti Kapoor participated in the outdoor stint. Sonu draws all the limelight in the film playing a good-hearted call-girl opposite Vinod.

Sunny Deol, Sri Devi, Anupam Kher and a number of junior artistes participated during the shooting recently at the Natraj Studios in Bombay for Nigahen being produced and directed by Harnesh Malhotra.

Pran, Anjana Mumtaz, Gulshan Grover are the key artistes in the film which has story by Jagmohan Kapoor, dialogues by Dr Achala Nagar, cinematography by Durga Prasad, lyrics by Anand Bakshi and music by Laxmikant Pyarelal. It is a sequel or second part to the super-hit Nagina, with Sunny replacing Rishi Kapoor.

**Completed**  
Producer-Director Mohan Bhakri has completed the entire shooting of Kabrastan with a long spell, during which Hemant Birje, Kamna, Javed Khan, Raza Murad, Madhu Malhotra, Huma Khan, Jagdeep and Amjad Khan participated. Photographed by Arvind Bhakri it's a horror film. The main set-up is a graveyard where strange things happen at night.

During the second shooting schedule director K.R. Reddy filmed some important scenes

on different locations in Madras for Garjana in which Vinod Khanna, Sri Devi and fighters participated. The film also stars Nutan, Rishi Kapoor, Amrish Puri, Shakti Kapoor, Tej Sapru. During the third schedule also in Madras, the entire star cast of the film participated. Luckily for the producer, Vinod has changed his attitude and is now giving enough dates.

The second song of Shakti Samanta's film Aakhri Baazi was recorded in Bombay under the supervision of music director Annu Malik. Written by Indivar, it was sung by Sadhana Sargam. Ashim Samanta directs this film. A surprise entry in the cast is Kunal (Manoj) Goswami along with Shatrughan, Govinda, Mandakini and Sonam.

Writer-director Mukul Anand commenced a ten-day shooting for Bappi Sonie productions Khooon Ka Kharz at the Filmistan Studios, Film City and a bungalow in the Juhu-Parle Scheme of Bombay. Rajnikant, Kimi Katkar, Bharat Kapoor and other fighters were participating. Being produced by Bappi Sonie, the film has music by Laxmikant and Pyarelal. It is another revenge tale and the old producer is making it for his old age benefit. It may be his last film.

With another ten days shooting, A.G. Films Sone Par Subaga has neared completion. Director K. Bapaiah filmed several scenes and a song on different locations and studio sets during this period. The par-



Rekha has a number of films on hand.



Shatrughan Sinha plies a rickshaw in Biloo Badshah

ticipating artistes were Sri Devi, Anil Kapoor, Kimi Katkar, Nutan, Kadar Khan, Shakti Kapoor and others. Dharmendra, Jeetendra and Poonam Dhillon are the leading stars of the film. Prem Chopra, Pooja Rawal and Nirupa Roy are enacting key roles. It is one of the biggest multi-starrers on the sets now.

Another big multi-star film which has had many teething troubles and star tantrums is Batwara. Luckily the Dharma-Vinod fight did not get the film stranded. It has made a lot of progress on the desert locations of Rajasthan. Producer Salim and director J.P. Dutta are doing their best to make it the talk of the town or rather the whole country. They work from morning to midnight in two shifts with stars like Dharmendra, Vinod Khanna, Dimple, Poonam, Amrita, Asha Parek and Amrish Puri. An added attraction is the Pakistani cricketer Mohsin Khan. The climax with 350 unit members was shot around Jaipur, in deserts and ancient palaces.

A Rekha starrer to start was Azaad Desh Ke Ghulam directed by S.A. Chandrasekhar. Guest producer Salim switched on the camera and composer Laxmikant broke the coconut. Rekha faced the camera near the idol of a goddess. Her hero is Jackie Shroff. The story is written by the director's wife. Another film made by the same banner Biwi Ho To Aisi is almost complete. It also takes Rekha but with Farouque Sheikh.



Vinod Khanna and Sri Devi enact a scene for Garjana.

Shakti Kapoor has made waves by saying that he does rape scenes like a duty. He even discusses all the details with the actress so that the timing can be correct. But it is all a stunt. People now say that Shakti's fiasco about Tina Ghai slapping him was also a publicity stunt. The variety programme held at Faridabad had many artistes. Ashah Sachdev played a prank letting Shakti go for Tina who was dancing in a vulgar dress. The two already had some romantic exchanges but Tina did not want it publicly exposed. When she ran away to her hotel Shakti followed her and locked the room from the outside. But she has not lodged any complaint, fearing that Shakti may harm her career.

Ravi and B.R. Chopra's new film is named Kal Ki Awaaz. Obviously they want to recall their past success, Aaj Ki Awaaz and try a future hit with Raj Babbar in the lead and Kumar Gaurav and Juhi Chawla in support. It is rather like "Death Wish ... Part 2." The problem is that Kal in Hindi can mean yesterday as well as tomorrow. We hope people don't take it as yester-

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day's call.  
Having sold Sheshnaag on an outright basis, Tinnu and Bittu Anand don't want to help in any problems faced by the film. Cases have been slapped on the distributors in some centres saying that the film makes a mockery of law-courts and judges. But the Tinnu-Bittu pair refuse to sign even the legal plea to be presented in the courts.

Priya Tendulkar had harassed Dilip Shankar, the director of Kaal-Chakra when it took four years to make. She had no confidence in the film and would not allot time. The rape sequence had to be done with a duplicate. Now "Kaal-Chakra" has proved a big hit and so Priya keeps calling on the director. But now he says he has no time. (He is doing a film for Rajesh Khanna).

Mithun is on to the do-gooder act. He is worried about the interests of producers and

giving dates quickly. He is even completing films like Akhri Badla and Rajoo Dada which he had once signed at a very low price and which won't bring him any credit. He has even done a good deed for Sri Devi. When she fought with the Sea Rock Hotel people, he promptly booked two permanent suites for her at the Cemaar. Quite a "selfless" man.

Sanjana Kapoor's romance with Aditya (son of Basu Bhatnacharya) in Basu's own house is now showing its true colours. Everyone knows that Basu would never do anyone a favour without getting a bigger benefit in return. Now, Sanjana has agreed to work in Basu's new TV serial Vasudhaiva. Papa Shashi has also bowed down to dropping Sanjana at Basu's house in his car. So the Bhatnacharya father — son have the best of both worlds. Aditya has got a free beloved and Basu has got a free heroine.



Mithun: turning over a new leaf

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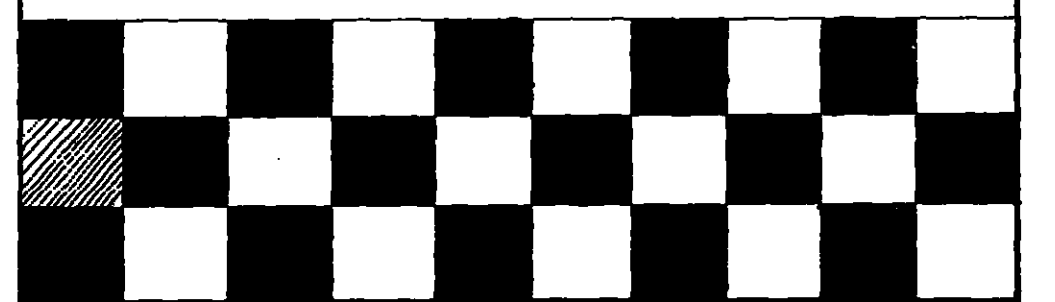
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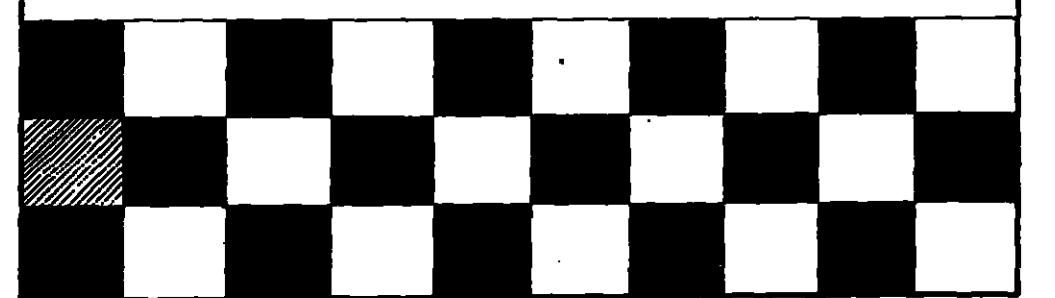
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## MUSIC

## S. Express dislodge Pet Shop Boys in UK

## Whitney Houston tops charts

NEW YORK (AP) Where Do Broken Hearts Go? asks Whitney Houston. Well, this week to the very top of the single pop record charts in the United States. The new Houston 'Heart' disc moved up from third place a week ago.

Terence Trent D'Arby and his Wishing Well climbed two notches to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart. Devil Inside by Inxs slipped from second to third position.

Last week's number one hit, Billy Ocean's Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car, tumbled to fifth place.

Soaring fast up the ten top pop list was Anything For You by Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, up from 12th to 6th.

This week's only other newcomer to the list was Prove Your Love by Taylor Dayne, up from 11th to 9th.

Highway 101 took over the top of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart with Cry, Cry, Cry. The Rodney Crowell-Rosanne Cash duet on It's Such A Small World was second, and Eddy

Raven's I'm Gonna Get You was third.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (3) Where Do Broken Hearts Go — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (4) Wishing Well — Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia).
- (2) Devil Inside — Inxs (Atlantic).
- (7) Angel — Erosmith (Geffen).
- (1) Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car — Billy Ocean (Jive-Arista).
- (12) Anything For You — Gloria Estefan and The Miami Sound Machine (Epic).
- (8) Pink Cadillac — Natalie Cole (EMI-Manhattan).
- (6) Girlfriend — Pebbles (MCA).
- (11) Prove Your Love — Taylor Dayne (Arista).
- (5) Man In The Mirror — Michael Jackson (Epic).

The ten top country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (2) Cry, Cry, Cry — Highway

- (1) It's Such A Small World — Rodney Crowell and Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
- (5) I'm Gonna Get You — Eddy Raven (RCA).
- (1) I'll Always Come Back — K.T. Oslin (RCA).
- (7) Young Country — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).
- (9) Baby I'm Yours — Steve Wariner (MCA).
- (8) Americana — Moe Bandy (Curb).
- (12) Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses — Kathy Mattea (Mercury-Polygram).
- (16) The Factory — Kenny Rogers (RCA).
- (11) If My Heart Had Windows — Patty Loveless (MCA).
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And in London, newcomers S. Express dislodged fellow Britons the Pet Shop Boys to take the number one spot on the British top 10 pop chart this week with their rap songs Theme From S. Express.

The Pet Shop Boys Heart slipped to second place after two weeks at the top, while

Climie Fisher held on to third place with Love Changes Everything.

Fresh to the chart were Danny Wilson, coming from 13th to 7th with Mary's Prayer, and George Michael, in at 9th from 16th, with One More Try.

The top 10, as listed by Melody Maker magazine, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (2) Theme From S. Express — S. Express (Rhythm King).
- (1) Heart — Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).
- (3) Love Changes Everything — Climie Fisher (EMI).
- (6) Who's Leaving Who — Hazel Dean (PWL).
- (4) Pink Cadillac — Natalie Cole (Manhattan).
- (13) Mary's Prayer — Danny Wilson (Virgin).
- (9) I Want You Back '88 — Michael Jackson and The Jackson Five (Motown).
- (8) I Want You Back — Bananarama (London).
- (16) One More Try — George Michael (Epic).
- (7) Girlfriend — Pebbles (MCA).

## Clapton at the crossroads

By John Swenson

NEW YORK: Twenty-five years ago, Eric Clapton began one of the most fabled careers in rock 'n' roll history.

Clapton's quarter century of achievements is chronicled on 'Crossroads,' a six-LP, four-CD, historical overview.

The 73-track retrospective is a five-hour trip through every facet of Clapton's music, from his first studio sessions with the Yardbirds in 1963, through his work with John Mayall's Bluesbreakers, Cream, Blind Faith, Delaney and Bonnie, Derek and the Dominos and his own solo albums.

The project is the brainchild of producer Bill Levenson, who spent the better part of two years assembling the material from a variety of sources, including a wealth of previously unreleased recordings.

"It wasn't originally conceived as a boxed set," said Levenson from the studio where he was preparing a retrospective of R-and-B great Don Covay.

"The thought was to do it like the Hank Williams collection, as a series of double albums," he said. "I put together a chart of his records on his own, in bands, and as a featured or a session musician, and it looked like eight double albums worth of material. So I decided to keep it to the records made by working bands that he was part of."

Even then the decision-making process was grueling.

"We kept making slight changes as we went along," said Levenson. "We knew we had a format problem because we only wanted four CDs, so we knew we had five hours to work with."

"Once we decided it was going to be a boxed set we were

80 per cent there on the first draft. When I heard 'Further On Up The Road' I knew we had to use it. We would have liked to include 'It's In The Way That You Use It' but there were some contractual problems."

Some of the advance stories on the project refer to Crossroads as best-of collection, but Levenson explained that historical considerations were paramount.

"For quite a while we didn't have cocaine on the album," he pointed out, "but people kept insisting that it was too important a track to leave off, so we included it."

"I wanted to do this chronologically. Clapton has evolved as a guitarist over the years, and he's evolved as a songwriter, and as he grew older his voice got better, so it had to be chronological."

"You can see the change of culture at the same time, the experimentation of the Yardbirds and Cream in the '60s, the reggae and blue roots exploration, the period of slicker performances. You can hear the evolution of the last 25 years of rock in a microcosm."

Working from a historical perspective made for some unusual selections. "There's a couple of eye openers," said Levenson. "For instance, starting the Cream period with 'Wrapping Paper,' a song that probably wouldn't be included on a hits compilation. It was the only bridge between what Clapton was doing with Mayall and 'I Feel Free,' though."

"Also, you can't get from Blind Faith to Derek and the Dominos unless you can stop off with Delaney and Bonnie, and 'Coming Home' tied that whole side together. People were able to understand how he went from 'Presence of the Lord' to 'Tell The Truth.' That



Eric Clapton: a quarter century of achievements

was a nice area to develop." Clapton fans will marvel at the wealth of unreleased material on the set, particularly from the Derek and the Dominos sessions. This is where the project's historical focus is especially noteworthy, since much of it was never intended for release.

Most of the unreleased material was from sessions originally produced by Tom Dowd. "On one or two albums we did record two or three more songs that we opted not to use," said Dowd, "because they didn't fit the colour or feel of the album."

"There are other things where there were occasional jams or rehearsals that we put a pilot vocal on to work with to prepare the song. They were never intended to be used. They were homework."

"I had the opportunity to work with John Coltrane on 'My Favourite Things' and 'Giant Steps.' Normally we had two or three alternate takes.

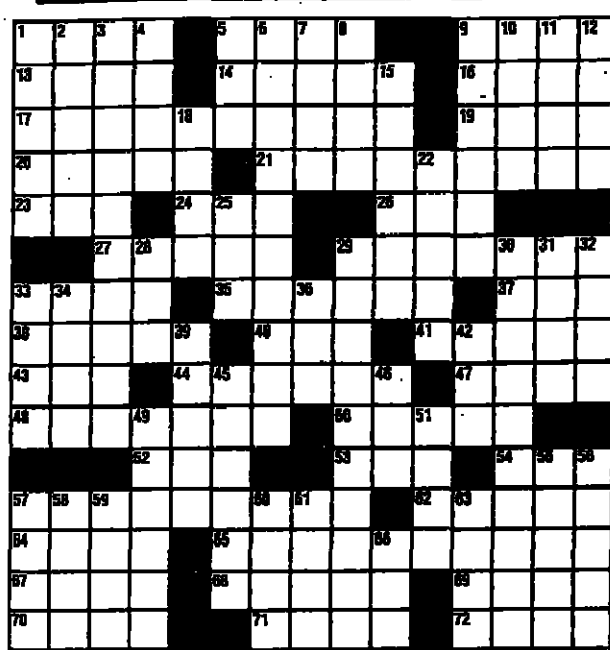
He'd play something that had us climbing the walls with delight it was so great, but he'd say 'I can get it a little better.'"

"So you would defer to what he wanted but you knew we had an insurance take in the can. This is a different species, a rehearsal tape. A couple of years ago alternate cuts from 'Layla' were reissued. I had marked them 'no good, throw away' in my own hand."

Clapton himself had very little input on the project, although Levenson said he gave his approval after listening to it. Ironically, Clapton's request for the inclusion of his re-recorded version of 'After Midnight', currently being used as a beer commercial soundtrack, has provoked the only negative critical reaction to the set thus far.

"It really was something Eric wanted us to use," explained Levenson. "We were going to devote all of side 12 to the Warner Brothers stuff, but when he asked us to include that we had to back everything up."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
1. Daisies
  5. Gen. Bradley
  9. Part of Einstein's e=mc<sup>2</sup>
  13. Garments for sheiks
  14. Sound
  16. Clinton's canal
  17. Largest pit viper
  19. Network
  20. Fragrant compound
  21. Tough and cohesive
  23. Elder or Trevino
  24. Ending with Japan or Siam
  26. Octa or penta follower
  27. Paul Revere, for one
  29. Followed a marriage vow
  33. Emulates Betsy Ross
  35. Threaten
  37. June words
  38. "Gay"
  40. historic plane
  41. Avifauna
  43. Rocky hill
  44. Indivisible units
  47. Kind of arch
  48. Clumsy
  50. Small liquid measure
  52. Have a cold
  53. — Annie of "Oleanna"
  54. Word with tray or can
  57. Minims, in music
  62. Match
  64. Patron saint of Norway
  65. Expert
  67. Spanker
  68. Locations
  69. Prefix with cast or type
  70. Green land
  71. — Porsena
  72. Historic times
  - DOWN**
  1. Classify
  2. Revile
  3. Handel's "Messiah," for one
  4. Tennis great
  5. Eggs: Lat.
  6. Project
  7. Der —
  8. Nothing, in Nancy
  9. Fine wool
  10. Of Mars
  11. In — (in position)
  12. Glimpses
  15. St. George's toe
  18. Talking horse of TV
  22. Reator's term
  25. Pelagic whale
  28. Atlas abbr.
  29. Prep school principal
  30. Big top leader
  31. Entertainer
  32. Measured amount
  33. Bristle
  34. "...were Paradise —": Omar Khayyam
  36. Biblical poems: Abbr.
  39. Vigorously
  42. "Vive le —!"
  45. Certain decks
  46. A Caesar
  49. Breakfast treat
  51. Kind of star
  55. Engraved pillar
  56. March and Belgian
  57. Argyles, for instance
  58. Jail —
  59. Resting place for some
  60. Shadow
  61. This, in Barcelona
  63. Noble
  64. Italian family
  66. Editor's concerns

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 8 5 3  
♥ 10  
♦ A 2  
♣ A K 10 5 4 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 7 2  
♥ J  
♦ Q 10 8 7 6 4 3  
♣ J 3

**EAST**  
♠ Q 10 9  
♥ A 9 8 7 6 3 2  
♦ 5  
♣ 9 7

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 6 4  
♥ K Q 5 4  
♦ K J 9  
♣ Q 8 6

The bidding:  
East 3♥ South 3NT West Pass North 6NT

Opening lead: Jack of ♥  
If there is one characteristic in the defense of a hand that separates the expert from the rank-and-file player, it is the speed with which the non-expert grabs his tricks. This was highlighted by the above hand from the Bermuda Regional, held annually at the end of January at the Southampton Princess.

This hand cropped up in the Open Pairs event. Because of matchpoint considerations in duplicate events, several pairs chose the higher-scoring no trump slam in preference to the minor-suit one. At the table we watched, East took advantage of the vulnerability for a three heart preempt, and South overcalled with three no trump. Since North expected

ed his hand to produce a lot of tricks, he bounced right into the no trump slam.

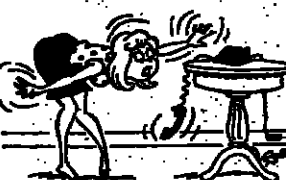
A diamond lead was more likely to give a trick away than to help his side's cause, so West opted to lead the jack of hearts. The fate of the contract hinged on East's play to the very first trick. Those who feared they would lose the ace of hearts unless they flew up with it at the first trick, lived to regret it. Declarer then had no trouble scoring two spade tricks, two hearts, two diamonds and six clubs.

Observe the difference if East allows the jack of hearts to run to South's queen. Declarer has only 11 tricks, and his only chance for a 12th is the diamond finesse. When it fails, he goes down a trick.

Those players who were not so greedy and settled in the club slam had no problem. Declarer simply led a heart toward dummy. If East ducked, his side got only one spade trick; if he rose with the ace, declarer could take two spade discards on the K-Q of hearts, to avoid losing a spade trick.



"Those two puny weeds we told to push off just drove off in a red Porsche!"



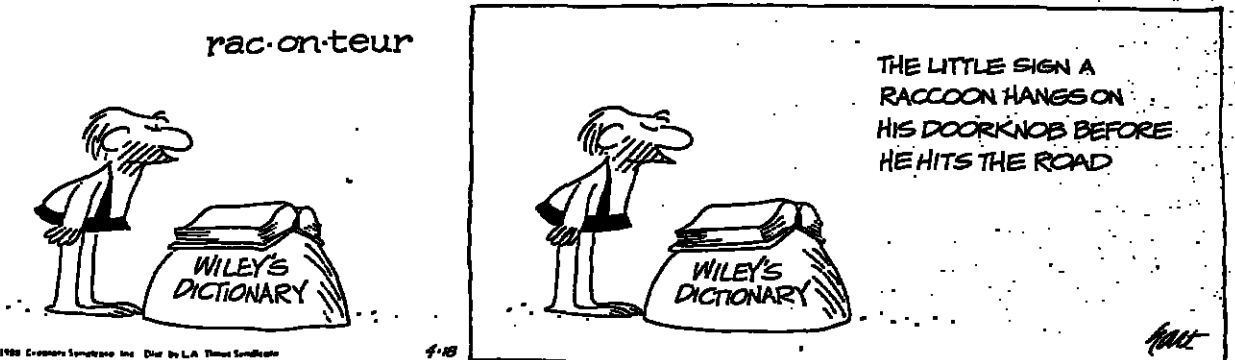
"You caught me in the middle of doing my nails."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brian Packer and Johnny Hart



## B.C.



## Parents, manager fight over Tiffany



Tiffany's astonishing rise to stardom has resulted in a court battle over her earnings between her stepfather, mother and manager George Tobin (inset)

By Jonathan Ashby

FATHER of five George Tobin, the Svengali behind pop princess Tiffany's astonishing rise to stardom, lashed out recently at her "wicked stepfather and alcoholic mother."

His comments came after a court battle which allowed Tiffany, 16, to decide how her business affairs should be managed.

At stake is the £4 million she has earned in just one year. Talking about the row for the first time, Tobin says: "This is not a personal battle between a mother and daughter. The problem is strictly about her career."

"I get an even 50 per cent split with Tiffany on royalties paid by her record company. As her manager I also get 20 per cent of her income from personal performances."

Interfere  
"What is frightening is what happens to her share."

"Under state law 30 per cent of her earnings must be held in trust for her until she's 18, but the other 70 per cent was in the hands of a wicked stepfather and an alcoholic mother."

But Tobin, 35, who discovered Tiffany when she was 2, says he doesn't see himself as a father substitute for a star

with family problems.

"She talks to me about boys she meets but I try not to interfere unless I think it's really necessary."

He also scoffs at claims by one of her former boyfriends that Tiffany is in love with him.

"My family finds that an amazing claim," says Tobin, whose wife is expecting their sixth child.

"I've always felt concern for Tiffany as a person, but so what?"

"If you think a 16-year-old is going to be capable of running her own career, from picking songs to signing with record companies and all the things involved in creating a career in which that 16-year-old can earn literally millions of dollars, then you'd be crazy."

Problems  
Cracks in Tiffany's private life began to appear four weeks ago when she decided to live with her aunt Julie Wilson because of a family row involving her stepfather and her mother's continued problems with alcohol.

"Tiffany represents a winning lottery ticket to her family," says Tobin. "And they're prepared to do and say anything to preserve whatever interests in her they think is rightfully theirs."

## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Pay attention and do not create problems for yourself. Attend to what is important and leave secondary matters for another day. Do not allow work to encroach upon your leisure time. Be tactful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will feel a little unsure of yourself. You should avoid succumbing to negative thoughts. Try to take things a little more easily. Be fair.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

The Moon's favourable influence coupled with that of Mars will help you to get a better insight into other people's predicaments. You should make sure you do not eat too many sweet things.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

Today you will find it more difficult to make up your mind. You should try to express yourself more clearly. Do not neglect your cultural interests. Be more aware of your surroundings.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be able to get your way to some but not all things. You should not get too excited whatever the circumstances. You will be able to help a friend and should do so. Be jovial.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should not take everything quite so personally. You will be in high spirits and must take care not to be too exuberant. Do not take too much for granted just now. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not pry into other people's personal affairs. Try to ensure that you do not get into a rut or become obsessed. Seek to steer a middle course and to avoid extremes. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be able to get a lot done today. Think of the future, not just the present, and do not dwell in the past. Do not waste time doing things of secondary interest. Be less extravagant.



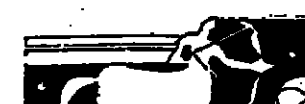
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

This is going to be an eventful day for you. Your personal life will take a turn for the better. Do not be quite so critical or particular. Be objective.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be able to do something practical. Do not leave a letter from a friend or relative unanswered. You should pay a little more attention to a personal matter. Be forthcoming.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Your mood will be rather variable today and you should seek not to tell people exactly what you think of them. Try to have a good rest, but do take enough exercise. Do not allow yourself to get into debt. Be sensible.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will be able to make good progress but you should leave as little as possible to chance. You should pay a little more attention to your personal affairs. Do all you can to maintain your peace of mind. Be more tolerant.



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Gearing forward for the 21st century

## Spirit of ingenuity distinguishes Holland

JUST one glance at the map is enough for anyone to see that Holland is first and foremost a maritime trading nation — situated on the North Sea, at the mouth of Europe's most important waterway, the Rhine. That is why the country has for centuries been the meeting place of Europe.

The Netherlands is small. But has continually expanded and, bit-by-bit, has been reclaiming land from the sea. Its windmills, dykes, dams and locks are living witnesses to land reclamation.

That is why the west of the country, behind the wide beaches and dunes, is as flat as the seabed itself. See the fascinating transformation of the landscape for yourself and you will understand why so many Dutchmen have become painters.

### History

The capital, Amsterdam, became a great city during the 17th century. Seafarers and merchants ensured that the whole world knew the Dutch flag. This spirit of enterprise in Amsterdam brought the country unprecedented prosperity. A wealth that lives on through the unique architecture of the 17th century canal houses.

Wander around Amsterdam and witness what is perhaps the most vivid history that any city could hope for.

The Netherlands is a monarchy. The present sovereign, Queen Beatrix of Orange, receives the same respect from her subjects as that for her 16th century ancestor, William of Orange.

He led the country in the war of independence against Spain. Since 1648, the provinces have been united as an independent state. The modern form of government, a constitutional monarchy, was chosen by the people's representatives in 1848.

Government and parliament are situated in The Hague. Now that the Queen has also chosen this city as her residence, it is the seat of government in truly majestic style.

Earth, air, fire and water; these are the four natural elements. From these elements, earth and water have, in the Netherlands, formed an incomparable harmony. And they are

**Holland has a long past and an exciting future — the struggle of the Dutch against the surrounding water has been well-documented, and the country grows in size as the Dutch perfect their technique for reclaiming land out of the sea.**

probably even better known for our ability to tame the water than for Rembrandt's 'Night-watch' or the unique Dutch bulb flowers.

It was in 1150 that the first polder was reclaimed, by means of dykes enclosing an area of sea, and the Netherlands has been getting bigger ever since.

About 20% of the land surface is reclaimed and consequently lies below sea level. The expertise and insight, which come from centuries of experience, have culminated in the gigantic IJsselmeer polders, (the former Zuider Zee) in the world famous Afsluitdijk (enclosing dike) and in the impressive Delta works in the province of Zeeland.

### Monumental places of interest

One of the nicest things about all these efforts is that you can actually go and see the results. From the restaurant on the 30 kilometre long Afsluitdijk you can see the magnitude of this project — when you can no longer see any land but just the dyke itself, which cuts a straight line through the water.

Walking, cycling or driving past the 18 fully intact windmills of Kinderdijk, south of Rotterdam, will make you realise how in earlier days the water had to be drained using the power of the wind.

Today you see a beautiful landscape, where the peace of nature and the calm movement of the windmills' sails, might well lead you to believe that the twentieth century has not even begun.

But it is the knowledge that these structures have played such a vital role in our community that gives this great collection of windmills their distinguished character.

The windmills were superceded a long time ago. The 'Neeltje Jans' barrier in the province of Zeeland is a working example of the modern technology and unrestrained



Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands with her husband and consort Prince Claus. She receives the same respect from her subjects as did her 16th century ancestor, William of Orange.

energy that the Netherlands spends nowadays on the protection of its coastline.

Tradition is the basis of folklore, and the Dutch way of life is especially rich in tradition. Everything from herring eating at the market to barrel organs which wind their way through the streets playing their cheerful music; from the sometimes subdued, sometimes vivid costumes to the many old crafts, which are still practised with enthusiasm.

The Dutch wooden shoe, for instance, is just as functional as it is traditional. In homes in the countryside, there is always a row of clogs to be found by the back door — not for decoration, but for daily use!

And more and more folkloristic markets and festivals are organised throughout the country, where clog dancing and many other folk dances are performed; where old crafts

can be seen too, like sheep shearing, cheese making or chair matting. And you can see clogs everywhere. Or, visit the cheese market in Alkmaar or the annual Crafts Festival in Limburg, where more than 70 traditional crafts are demonstrated.

Visit one of the many towns and villages along the IJsselmeer on market day — the water glistens in the sunlight, the aroma of coffee wafts over from the terraces. Edam, Volendam, Marken, Staphorst or Spakenburg — these are names known throughout the world. Holland is steeped in tradition — and we get more and more pleasure out of it. And this pleasure, derived from the folklore, tends to be rather contagious!

But tradition here is something more than costumes and folkloristic markets. It is also the centuries-old art of Delft Blue and Makkum pottery.

The craftsman's hand practised for generations in the Dutch pottery factories and work-

shops which people from all over the world come to see — just to enjoy the combination of pleasant simplicity and indisputable quality.

Dutch culture is all over the world mentioned in the same breath as the 17th century, our Golden Age. The Dutch painters and artists then reached a new vision of their subjects, whether it concerned a landscape, a still life, an interior or a portrait.

It was also at this time that the famous seascape works and town views were created. Yet even though the subjects were great, the Golden Age was for the Netherlands the area of tiny measurements. It was typical of the 'Hollandse School' that they wanted nothing to do with large measurements.

There is one glorious exception to the rule though, by which they acquired their world fame: the group portraits of regent families and citizen soldiers. Rembrandt's Night-watch is literally and figuratively one of the greatest paintings, that was brought out of this movement.

### Lasting wealth

And the Netherlands has enough museums to show it all: more than 500. They range from great and famous museums such as the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam to the unique open-air museum in Arnhem, the Zaanse Schans or the Zuiderzee Museum in Enkhuizen. A walk through the old town of, for instance, Amsterdam, Delft, Groningen or Gouda is a very special experience. Unbroken rows of 16th, 17th and 18th century facades adorn the canals and streets.

A relatively unknown fact though, and so one of the surprising discoveries of the Netherlands is that there are an enormous number of beautiful country houses and castles that you can see in our country. From the Royal Palace of the Dam in the heart of Amsterdam to the fair-like De Haar Castle in Haarzuilen (in the province of Utrecht), a colossal neo-Gothic castle with a luxuriant park. These are just two examples. Many of the Dutch castles are laid out as museums or have a restaurant with a really excellent cuisine, so a visit includes that something extra to make it unforgettable.



The calm movement of a windmill's sails might lead one to believe that the 20th century has not begun, but the Netherlands is one of Europe's most prosperous nations.

## Story of the black tulip

On 19th February 1986, the news agency Renter released a short statement: 'A Dutch horticultural group claimed today that it has produced a flower which has eluded gardeners for centuries — the black tulip.' For those of us who view flowers as purely decorative, this snippet of news may well have passed us by unnoticed. But for the horticultural world — and Dutch horticulturists in particular — it was nothing short of a thunderbolt.

THE news of the black tulip breakthrough was received with a mixture of cynicism and excitement. Erudite botanists snorted with contempt, dismissing it out of hand as a biological impossibility. Across the North Sea, at the Royal Horticultural Society in London, reactions were much the same. 'Hmmm... interesting,' one professor is reported to have said, 'by the way, has anybody told you we're close to producing a red daffodil?' But the general public and those horticultural experts who had actually seen the tulip were less ready to criticise. And the press had a field day.

In Holland the black tulip phenomenon hit the headlines of practically every national newspaper. In the USA and Japan, it got front page coverage. The Germans splashed the news across their tabloids, and in the United Kingdom, several lengthy editorials went to press including one under the inspired title 'In the world of flowers, it was like the first moonlanding.' Meanwhile, back in the small Dutch town of Bovenkarspel, Mr Geert Hageman was arranging police protection for his priceless bulb, said to be insured on a level with Betty Grable's legs.

### Myth and magic

'It was the time when the Dutch... had begun to worship that flower, and to make more of a cult of it than ever naturalists dared to make of the human race for fear of arousing the jealousy of God,' wrote Alexandre Dumas in The Black

Tulip, a tale of romance and intrigue set in 17th century Holland. The curious Dutch obsession with a perfect black bloom dates back to the 16th century, and the cut-throat competition and astronomical prices of earlier ages have been the stuff of more than one cloak-and-dagger novel. It's been the holy grail of the gardener, the ultimate horticultural achievement. In Holland, the black tulip has become something of a national fairy tale. A legend that has taken over 300 years to find happy ending.

The man responsible for breaking the black tulip myth is Mr Geert Hageman, whose company Triflor B.V. operates under the auspices of the West Friesland Floral Institute. For the last 25 years, the institute has been carrying out extensive research work with dark tulips, attempting to eliminate the last intrusive strain of purple. At last, after years of crossing and re-crossing, the Queen of the Night and Viennese Waltz have obligingly reproduced an undoubtedly black bloom. 'It may not be very, very black,' says Hageman, 'but it's certainly black enough. Not jet black, or coal black. Just satisfyingly black.'

### Making Horticultural history

Hageman estimates that his one frail bulb has cost something like £500,000 to produce and there's no guarantee that there will ever be another one. Tulips are fickle creatures; the Queen of the Night and Viennese Waltz could just as easily



It took the combined resources of six horticultural concerns to bring the black tulip to fruition.

have presented him with a pure white bloom. But if all goes according to plan, then in 15-20 years time, black tulips may well be on sale at the local florists.

According to the West Friesland Floral Institute's director, Mr Henk van Dam, it took the combined resources of six horticultural concerns to bring the black tulip project to fruition. It's been a long, hard haul, but the result is certainly worth every ounce of time and effort. The black tulip will inevitably give the 200 billion dollar Dutch flower industry a major boost — if not in an immediate, financial sense, then certainly in international kudos. And Geert Hageman will also go down in horticultural history, however modestly he denies it. 'There was a team of about 17 people involved,' he says depreciatingly. 'I was just lucky it was me who hybridised the black tulip.'

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## Largest meat exporter in Europe

# Livestock: a vital part of the Dutch economy

Picture Holland as it was painted by the Dutch masters — gentle, pastoral scenery, a windmill on the horizon, and cattle peacefully grazing in the meadows. Although today's landscape has been radically changed by modern architecture, road construction and industrial development, the cattle remain a constant feature. And a constant reminder of one of Holland's oldest and most respected industries — the livestock trade.

AS a result of the low level of much of the country — approximately 25 per cent of the Netherlands lies below sea level — the pasture land is both rich and extensive. Given these natural resources, the growth of the Dutch livestock industry was a logical progression, rapidly forming a vital part of Holland's national economy.

The Netherlands is now one of the largest producers of meat and meat products in the world, a position that has been partly attained by the fact that for many centuries agriculture has formed an essential element of Dutch life. However, although experience is an invaluable asset, this success can also be attributed to the extraordinary Dutch ability of making a virtue out of necessity. Despite the rich quality of the pasture land, a relatively limited amount of space is available; a factor which has historically provoked a high degree of ingenuity and progressive thought.

### Health stock

To gain a clearer picture of Holland's livestock sector, it is necessary to know something

of the extensive infrastructure that the Dutch have built up to support this industry. The secret of good quality meat lies essentially in animal health care, and the Dutch take this aspect extremely seriously, with something in the region of 2,250 veterinarians responsible for the everyday health of the animal population.

Diagnostic and scientific research activities are provided by the Animal Health Care Foundation, jointly set up by the government and various associated farming organizations. Six regional services, each with its own laboratory, are supported by one of Europe's most advanced laboratories, the Central Animal Medical Institute in Lelystad.

The guarantees required in respect to the health of livestock are essential to the overall meat trade. Viruses and micro-organisms of a serious nature, such as foot and mouth disease, swine plague and vesicular swine fever, can easily manifest in meat, constituting a dangerous source of possible infection.

However, the level of health in the Dutch stock is such that approximately 98 per cent of slaughtered animals comply with the stringent requirements demanded — an unusually high figure by international standards.

### Testing and inspecting

In addition to monitoring animal diseases, public health and sanitary requirements are also considered of the utmost importance. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries therefore established a government department for the inspection of cattle and meat (RVV), and this body is responsible for such activities as:

- inspecting animals before and after slaughter
- inspecting animal products
- providing export certificates for meat and meat products
- controlling the refrigerated transportation of meat and meat products
- preventive inspection (including hygiene) in slaughterhouses
- awarding recognitions of approval and supervising compliance with quality standards.



Meat products are tested in a laboratory, and must comply with stringent specifications before they are exported.

pliance with quality standards.

In 15 districts a veterinary surgeon directs a team of inspectors vested with direct control over these procedures. But the government only has a supervisory or advisory function in regard to hygiene during slaughter and processing. The brunt of the responsibility lies with the farmers themselves, who have developed their own systems of inspection over the years, many of which exceed government requirements.

Every animal destined to be slaughtered is registered from the time of birth and after slaughtering, immediate control and inspection takes place under the supervision of a veterinarian. Each carcass is individually inspected by an RVV official and only after approval has been granted is it deemed fit to be issued with an EEC stamp.

The use of hormonal growth stimulating additives is strictly prohibited, with the General Inspection Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Meat Inspection Services exercising

tight control in this sphere.

In addition, the use of antibiotics is monitored during the slaughtering process. Although the residues of agricultural insecticides can be traced in minute quantities in Dutch meat, these amounts are far below the internationally accepted tolerance levels. This, again, is the result of the careful scrutiny to which livestock is subjected during all phases of production.

### Meat for export

In addition to the RVV inspections, a sensor inspection of meat and canned meat products is also carried out by the Meat Products Quality Control Bureau. In accordance with the Quality Control Regulations on the Export of Meat Products (1958), products for export must meet pre-ordained standards with regard to composition, keeping qualities, packaging, labelling, description, etc. Testing that products comply with these specifications is performed by chemical, bacteriological and visual/sensor inspections at the



Pastureland in the Netherlands is both rich and extensive contributing to high-quality products.

Dutch Centre for Meat Technology (a branch of the Central Institute for Nutritional Research).

Every Dutch exporter has to report to the Meat Products Inspection Bureau, who then test the products due to be shipped abroad by a method of random sampling. Chemical and bacteriological inspection is carried out in accordance with fixed parameters and sensor inspection is carried out by officials with a deep practical experience of meat product processing.

### First in meat

There are approximately 40 inspectors in total, and 5 of these will be present at each inspection, assessing the products on such criteria as outward appearance, exterior/interior colour, exterior/interior fat content, preliminary processing, undesirable ingredients, ease of cutting and spreading, smell, taste and non-permitted ingredients.

If the product does not make the grade, it is tested again at a subsequent inspection. If it is still not up to standard, then it is rejected for export purposes.

The collective meat production and processing industries have made the Netherlands the largest meat exporting nation in Europe, and such specialities as tender white veal, pre-salt (pre-salted) lamb from Texel, and the economical production of pork and beef have all contributed to this leading position.

As a result, the export value of the livestock sector makes up a significant share of the country's total balance of trade. Thanks to a strong international demand for Dutch products and the flexibility of the Dutch exporters, a very large part of Dutch meat production is sold abroad. More than 90 per cent of the veal produced in the Netherlands is exported, more than 50 per cent of the beef, over 60

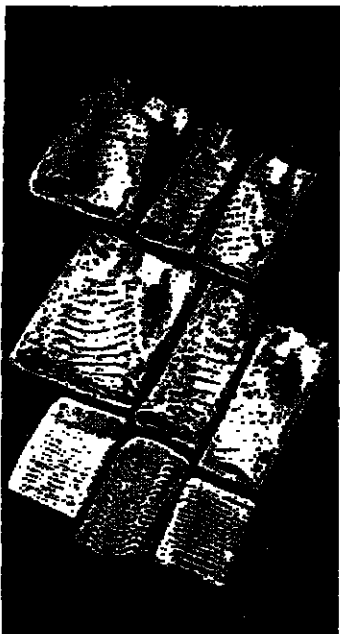
per cent of the pork and 70 per cent of the lamb.

Because of this large dependency upon export, the Dutch meat industry has been forced to take the highest precautions possible in the fields of health care and quality control. Working within a watertight framework of laws, inspection procedures and research activities, Dutch meat products meet all the existing international specifications currently in force.

The fierce competition and the sophisticated tastes of today's consumers have produced a demand for extremely high quality and an elaborate choice of products — and all at reasonable prices. Through such organisations as the Meat Marketing Board, the Dutch have achieved these demanding criteria, with the result that Dutch meat products continue to remain a favourite with consumers throughout the world.



A selection of meat products for export. The fierce competition and sophisticated tastes of consumers have produced a demand for extremely high-quality products.



## Agriculture and tradition

OVER the years, new acquisitions have found their way to the museum from all parts of the country: authentic farmhouses from the Achterhoek, Twente and South Limburg, windmills from South Holland and Friesland, a water-driven papermill from the Veluwe, and a number of trading premises, such as a bleaching, a brewery, an oil mill and a wooden shoemaker's workshop. In addition, there is a fisherman's hut, a Hindeloopen room, bakers' ovens, regional costumes, various modes of transport that have fallen out of use and a traditional herb garden.

### From shrines to smithies

During the Second World War, the museum suffered heavily in the hostilities, and several buildings and artifacts were lost, including the entire costume collection. After the war, the buildings and parkland were lovingly restored and in the intervening years, the collection has been greatly expanded. Farmhouses from Overijssel, North and South Holland, Drenthe, Gelderland, North Brabant, Friesland and Groningen now display their old-world charms alongside such exhibits as a polder drainage mill, a day labourer's cottage, archery butts, a wayside shrine, a toll-house, a village school, a smithy and a farmhouse-cum-inn. A nationwide women's committee undertook the collection of a second display of regional costumes and since 1955 these have been on show in an exhibition area adjoining the administration wing. The first costume exhibition was entitled 'Netherlands in Wedding Finery', and in that year alone there were over 250,000 visitors to the museum complex.

A serious fire early in 1970 destroyed part of the 'Zaan district', the cobbler's house, a tobacconist's shop and a corner house from Krommenie being lost. The first two of these buildings proved impossible to replace and so a formal garden was laid out, complete with a coach-house and the coachman's living accommodation.

### The Netherlands Open Air Museum gives an objective view of the daily life of the Dutch in days gone by.



A small Dutch farmhouse.

### Day to day history

The aim of the Netherlands Open Air Museum is to give an objective view of the daily life of the Dutch people in days gone by. Their lives, their homes and their work are obviously intrinsic to this and as a result, a wide variety of original dwelling houses, farmhouses, mills and workshops have been reconstructed in the museum park. As far as possible these have been placed in the appropriate settings and equipped with the relevant furniture utensils and tools. All in all, over 75 buildings have been brought and rebuilt within the museum grounds in the years since its foundation. The collection was originally intended to emphasise the life and work of country folk: farmers, shepherds, fishermen and craftsmen. Nowadays, however, the concept of folk-life is interpreted much more widely and the museum devotes considerable attention to town dwellers and working men. Industry and technology have also been included, coming under the heading of 'industrial archaeology'.

### Enjoying education

The reconstruction and installation of buildings is not the only means by which the Open Air Museum evokes the

everyday life of the Dutch. Supplementary information in the form of exhibitions, publications and slide-shows are considered just as important in the transfer of knowledge and ideas to the museum's many visitors. And since half a million or so people come to Arnhem each year in search of knowledge and relaxation, it would appear that this combination of learning and enjoyment is a highly successful one.

A walk through the park, with its buildings, exhibitions and demonstrations, is undoubtedly a pleasurable experience. You can take a look into the kitchens, barns and stalls of dozens of farmhouses, from the primitive Twente 'los hoes' to the richly appointed Frisian head, neck and body farmhouses. You can see how the traditional papermaker produces his wares in the paper mill, how the baker bakes rolls in his oven fired with bundles of faggots and how the miller uses the wind to set his corn mill turning. You can wander around the herb garden or take a rest on the terrace of the museum's own restaurant. In short, you can — in the most agreeable way possible — relive the many facets of the daily life of Holland's forefathers.

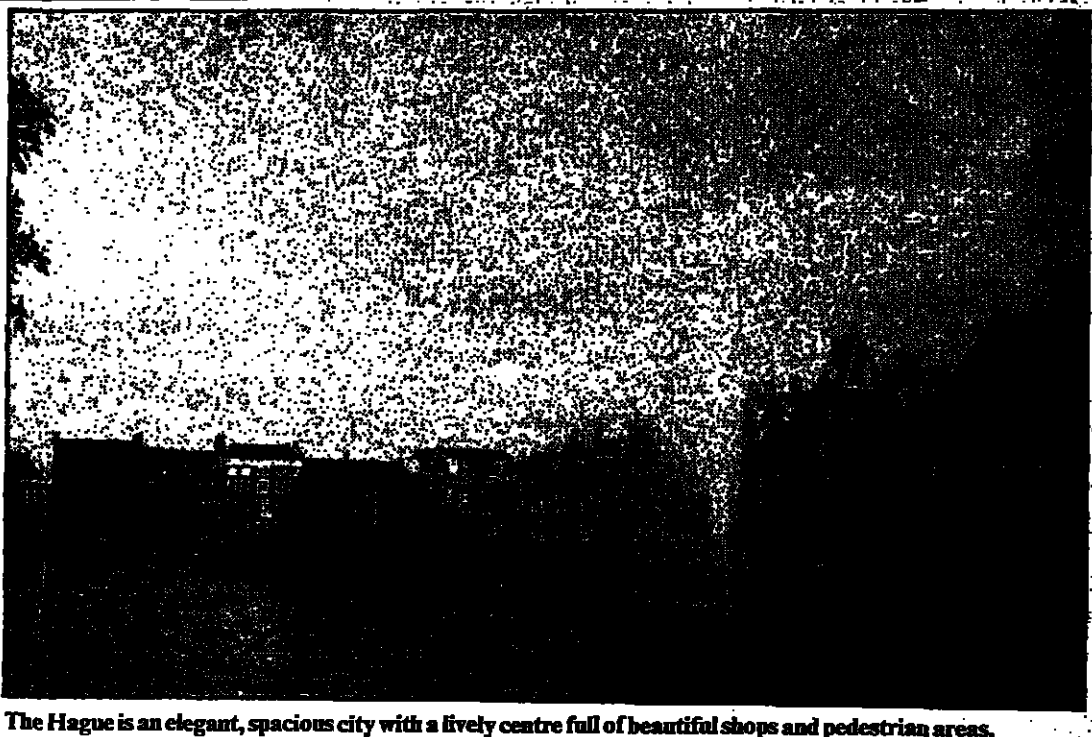
## The Hague: well worth a visit

IT is easy to make the mistake of thinking that The Hague is the capital of the Netherlands: it is the seat of government, host to over 60 foreign embassies and home of the International Court of Justice. Queen Beatrix chose to live in The Hague following her inauguration, and she receives ambassadors and visiting heads of state in the magnificent Noordeinde palace. There is indeed a certain majesty about The Hague and it has even been called the 'aristocrat' of Dutch cities. Wide, tree-lined avenues, spacious boulevards and parks all contribute to a royal grandeur. There is a timeless quality about the way the elegant buildings around the Binnenhof are

reflected in the broad stretches of the 'Hofvijver'. Right in the heart of this historic group of buildings is the Ridderzaal (Knights Hall), dating from the 13th century and distinguished by its staterooms and stained glass windows.

Nearby is the Mauritshuis museum, where the finest of Rembrandt's self-portraits can be seen, in addition to many other masterpieces.

The Hague invites discovery with its charming little oriental shops, pedestrian precincts crowded with boutiques, and the antique market at the Lange Voorhout. It is a vital, cosmopolitan city with some of the most interesting attractions in Holland.



The Hague is an elegant, spacious city with a lively centre full of beautiful shops and pedestrian areas.

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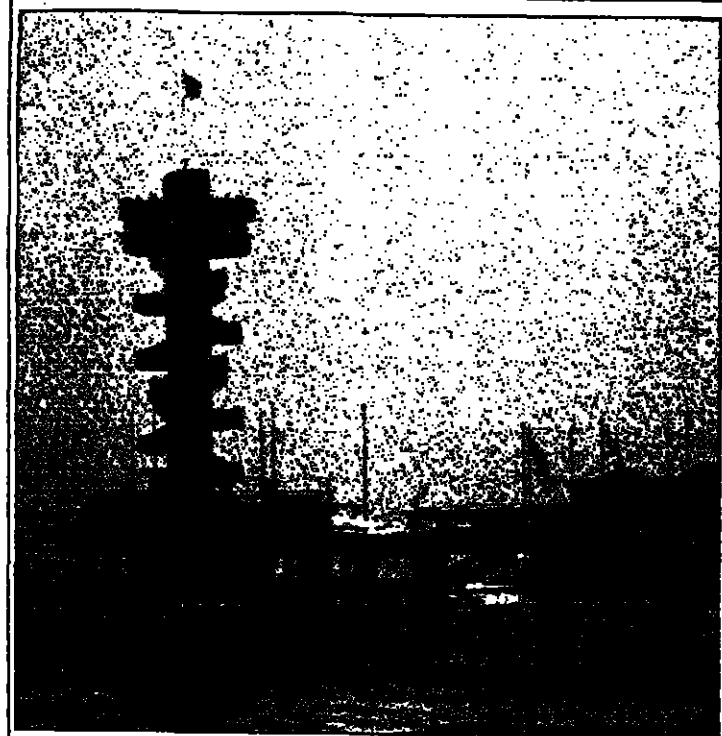
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# Ideal gateway to European markets

THE Netherlands, situated at the gateway to Europe, is ideal for penetrating markets within the Common market (EEC) as well as throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

This is demonstrated by the fact that more than 3,500 foreign companies have established an operation here. Of these foreign companies in the Netherlands, 1,100 are American; 800 German; 650 British; 200 Swedish; 160 Japanese; 150 French; 110 Swiss; and 330 are from other countries.

The Netherlands, which is 115 km (72 miles) from east to west and 290 km (180 miles) from north to south is slightly larger than the state of Maryland in the United States or the island of Kyushu in Japan.

With a population of 14.6 million in an area encompassing 41,500 sq. km (16,000 sq. miles), the Netherlands has the distinction of being the most densely populated country in Europe. Amsterdam, the largest city and capital, is the financial and cultural centre. The Hague is the seat of government, and Rotterdam is home to the world's largest port.

Such commercial and industrial centres like London, Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt and Hamburg, in addition to the Ruhr Valley, are within a day's surface travel from Amsterdam. In all, approximately 160 million people live within a radius of 500 km (310 miles) of Amsterdam, which makes this area almost three times as densely populated as the metropolitan areas of Tokyo or New York.

In order for a business to be successful, it must meet the needs of its customers. The Netherlands as a country knows this very well, and over the years the Dutch have learned to meet the needs of international business that wants to begin or expand an operation in the Netherlands. Known for centuries as a nation of traders, the Dutch naturally think internationally.

They realise what it means to solve problems, to remain flexi-

ble, to respond quickly to a changing market and to work closely with international businesses by offering, for example, a computerised logistics network, financial arrangements and investment incentives. The Dutch government realises the importance of working with private business and maintaining a policy of competitiveness.

**Roads:** An interconnected system of highways and secondary roads spans the major Western European countries, from Great Britain to Austria and from Scandinavia to Italy. The heaviest concentration is in the triangle containing the Netherlands, Belgium and the Rhine-Ruhr area of Germany, thinning out somewhat to the perimeters of Europe.

**Rail:** The Dutch railway system is fully integrated in the European rail network, which has standardised rail gauge and permitted railcar profile with only very few exceptions, mainly in Eastern European countries. Rail through-transport is thus possible all around Europe and to the Middle East and even through the Soviet Union to the Pacific Ocean.

**Inland Waterways:** The major artery is the Rhine river system with canals connecting to Belgium, the industrialised north and southeast of Germany, and the northeast of France.

The Rhine can be navigated from Basel in Switzerland to its ocean connection near Rotterdam, a distance of 1000 km (600 miles). By comparison, within the Netherlands itself there are close to 5000 kms (3000 miles) of navigable waterways.

**Ports:** The Netherlands has many seaports, ranging from the large multipurpose ports of Rotterdam and Amsterdam to more specialised ports such as Vlissingen, Terneuzen, and Delfzijl. The ports provide supply and repair services as well as full range of cargo-handling facilities. Rotterdam has grown to be the busiest port in the world by offering a diversity of services to conventional (break-bulk) shippers, unitised

cargo handlers, and for container vessels, dry bulk cargo carriers, and tankers.

**Airports:** With one big all-purpose airport, Schiphol near Amsterdam, and a number of mainly regional airports such as Beek at Maastricht and Zesthoven at Rotterdam, the Netherlands is well equipped to handle the distribution of air cargo to and from Europe, most often in combination with connecting trucking and express delivery services.

Schiphol Airport has become a major international staging-point supplying specialised distribution services on a freepoint basis. Cargo handling and administration are highly computerised. More than 60 foreign companies have established themselves either in their own private bonded warehouses or in one of the central freepoint buildings. Much of the airport's warehouse activity is concerned with the European-wide distribution of spare parts and electronic products.

Due to its advanced distribu-

tion and transport capabilities, Schiphol serves a region far beyond the Netherlands' national boundaries.

**Telecommunications:** Modern telecommunication is indispensable to present-day export. The Netherlands is in the forefront of modern technology, with excellent products and services offered by the Dutch PTT. The country has been a pioneer in telecommunications, with one of the world's first fully-automated, direct dial telephone systems, mobile telecommunication, high-speed telex, facsimile and data communication services. The PTT is actively stimulating, coordinating and guiding developments such as teleports and an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), which will provide a standard interface to allow integrated international telecommunications services to users of both public and private networks.

Recently, regional digital agglomeration network have been established with the installation of large-scale fibre optics systems in Amsterdam.



Rotterdam harbour: home of the world's largest port

## Dutch flower power

Say 'Holland' and somebody will inevitably come back with 'tulip', for the two have become irrevocably linked in popular mythology. Today the Dutch and tulips have a largely commercial relationship, with some 5,000 bulb exporters virtually monopolising the world market. But things were once very different. In the 1630s, a curious obsession with tulips swept across Holland, sending the Dutch into an uncharacteristic frenzy of crime and speculation.



Today's tulips are the descendants of the less flamboyant ones of the past.

FEW know that the start of the highly lucrative Dutch tulip industry dates back to a handful of onions with a peculiar taste which arrived in Holland at the end of the 16th century from the mountains of Central Asia.

The name itself is said to be a derivation of the Turkish word 'dulban' — the colourful head-dress once worn at the courts of the sultans during the heyday of the mighty Ottoman empire. The Austrian diplomat, Ogier Ghislain de Busbecq, who travelled widely in Turkey, witnessed the high esteem in which the Turkish rulers held their 'tulipam' (as he spelled it).

He also remarked upon how the woman of the royal harem gathered every year in a tulip-filled courtyard to await selection by the sultan. In the same period, the Dutch scholar Carolus Clusius (1526-1609) was serving at the court of Emperor Maximilian II in Vienna, and it seems that Busbecq brought him a selection of tulip bulbs and seeds from Turkey, which Clusius then took back to the University of Leiden on his return home.

According to tradition, Clusius refused to part with any of his precious bulbs except for scientific purposes, and this so aroused the curiosity of his countrymen that in the dead of night envious gardeners took to breaking into the University's Botanical Gardens to steal samples of the mysterious plant. Within a few years, tulips had spread beyond Leiden's city walls, and in no time at all the flower was flourishing throughout Holland.

**Crazy about tulips**  
To say that tulips 'caught on' in Holland is an understatement. The Dutch went quite literally, wild about them. Everybody, rich and poor

alike, wanted to own them, and this demand created a cut-throat market which ultimately led many to ruin — and some to immense fortune.

Wealthy amateur growers eagerly paid exorbitant prices for unusual specimens, and from 1634 to 1637 tulip speculation reached the ridiculous, bringing the country to the brink of financial ruin. Auctions involving corrupt middlemen sprang up in practically every town and village in Holland, and during almost two full growing cycles (or more than four years), the Dutch nation neglected its sober business habits and embarked on what can only be described as tulip orgy.

Bulbs were traded at stock exchanges and new laws had to be passed to deal with the ensuing wave of crime. Stealing from gardens and raiding plots were only the tip of the iceberg: blackmail, extortion and even murder were not unusual.

Then, in 1637, the bubble burst. Prices dropped, panic spread and the aftermath of tulipomania was an economic crisis on a scale never before encountered in the Netherlands.

**Diseased tulips**  
But to understand this fascinating period of Dutch history, a basic lesson in tulip botany is necessary. Tulips produced by seed will not usually flower for four to five years, although tulips that are reproduced by new bulbs will flower the following spring, bearing a bloom identical to the mother plant.

Occasionally, however — and this was the heart of tulipomania — a process known as 'breaking' occurs. The early Dutch growers soon discovered that a bulb could suddenly and inexplicably

produce a new bloom of different colours and bizarre patterns. These 'broken' offspring became collectors' items — one bulb of a tulip known as Semper Augustus was actually sold for the equivalent of \$4,600.

In a commodities market gone berserk, speculators bought and sold bulbs that had never even left the ground: businesses, homes, jewels, even a workman's tools, were mortgaged or sold to buy bulbs. And some fortunes were indeed made — until the fateful day when there were more sellers than buyers and the market crashed. The government stepped in to stop further speculation and to restore much needed law and order, leaving the tulip trade in the hands of serious growers and gardeners.

Three centuries later, it is said to think that tulipomania was in fact caused by a viral disease which changes the chromosome composition in the flower cells. This virus is carried by aphids and can spread quickly through a field if the sick plants are not removed and destroyed. After several years, the diseased tulips eventually weaken and die. Today's tulips are the descendants of the less flamboyant but healthier plants that were preserved and propagated by serious gardeners, either unable to afford, or uninterested in, the more spectacular varieties.

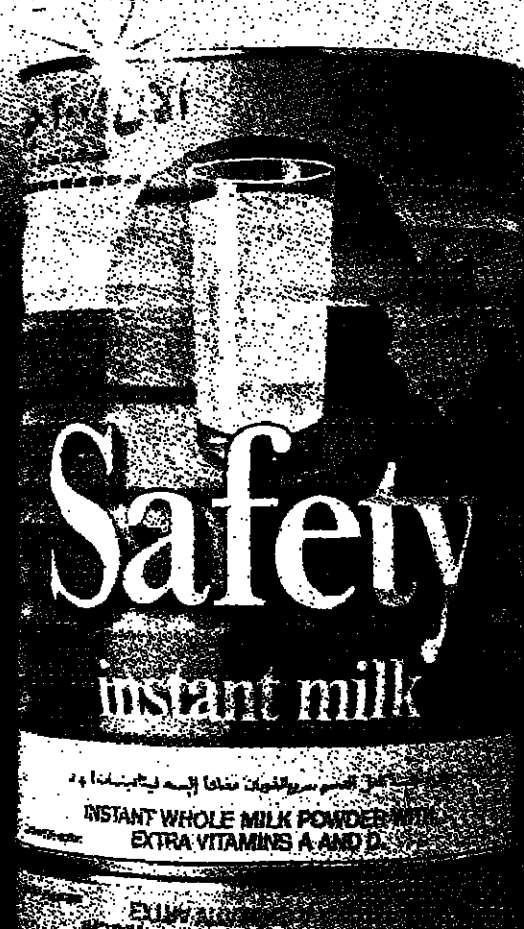
One of the oldest tulips still produced in any great quantity, the Keizerskroon (King's crown), dates from 1750. The five hundred commercially grown cultivated species, or cultivars, now on the market are chiefly the result of hybridization in this century — the wild mutations that were produced in the days of tulipomania have long since faded into oblivion.

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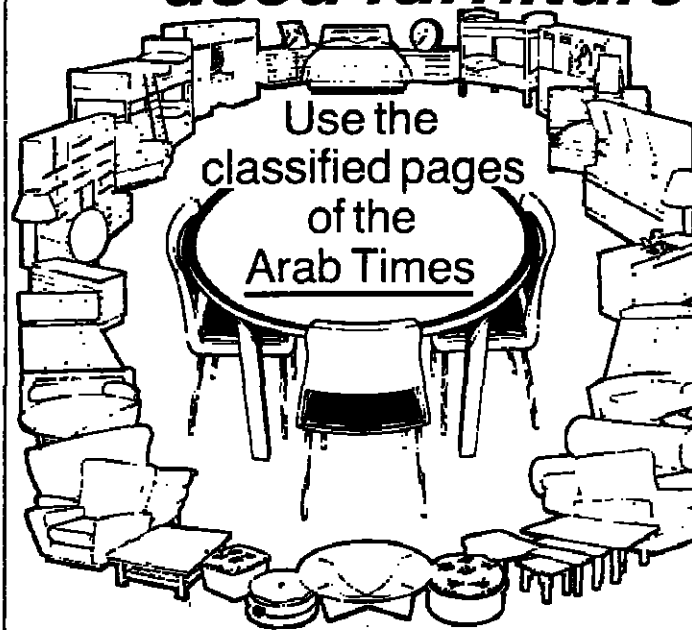
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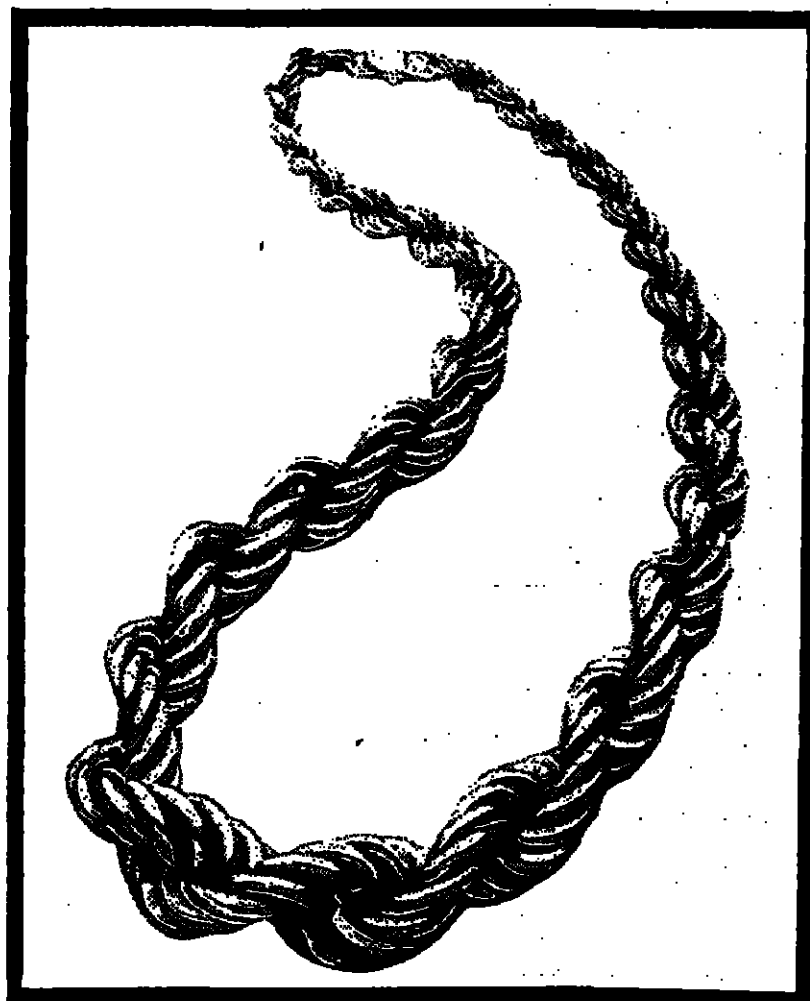
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

No reason for oil exporters to reduce their quota any further, says Sheikh Ali

## Opec ministers fail to reach agreement on cuts

VIENNA, Austria, April 29, (AP): Opec oil ministers failed in an initial round of talks yesterday to reach agreement on proposed oil-export cuts organization, leaders said.

After a nearly four-hour session that ended early today, the 13 ministers said they would resume their closed-door deliberations this evening.

Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the ministers had discussed the export-cutting plan "in general terms, but nothing specific was decided."

Earlier this week, after meeting a six-nation Opec panel, six non-Opec producers said they were willing to cut exports by five per cent if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries reciprocated.

Conference sources said the Opec countries were divided on their reaction.

### Cut

The smaller producers were generally in favour of Opec offering a similar cut.

But others thought five per cent of Opec's total output of around 18 million barrels a day would be too much. They feared this would send prices surging, causing the kind of over-production which eventually led to a price crash from over \$30 to under \$9 a barrel between late 1985 and

mid 1986.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter, has shown reluctance to make any cuts in its output and King Fahd said in a newspaper interview yesterday that Opec should merely honour its individual production quotas while the non-Opec states made actual cutbacks.

### Behaviour

But Venezuela's Oil Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti dismissed such a possibility. "We know some countries have been cheating for years," he told reporters. "And I don't expect they will easily change their behaviour."

Independent assessments of Opec output have consistently shown both Kuwait and the UAE to be producing above their quotas.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said he saw no reason for Opec to cut its quota ceiling any further, noting that the organisation has in past years reduced its output from over 30 million to 17 million barrels a day. He called the non-Opec appeal for further cuts "a bit much."

After rallying strongly over the past two weeks on the prospect of an agreement, the price of the widely-traded North Sea Brent crude oil, which was heading towards \$18 a barrel at the start of the week, fell to below



Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah gestures before the start of the Opec oil ministers meeting in Vienna on Thursday. Sheikh Ali said he saw no reason for Opec to cut its quota ceiling any further, noting that the organisation has in past years cut its output from over 30 million to 17 million barrels a day.

\$17 on Thursday.

Traders were growing sceptical about the prospect of Opec making a sacrifice big enough to satisfy the non-Opec states. The full Opec meeting is currently only consultative but has the power to turn itself into an extraordinary meeting which

could ratify any agreed output cuts.

Lukman said there was no time scale for the talks. "We'll take as long as it takes," he said.

Delegates said the pattern of late-night meetings would continue, to accommodate the Muslim holy month of Ramadan

which requires daytime fasting. Ministers of the organisation and the non-Opec states emerged from talks expressing satisfaction and saying a joint statement would be made.

A Kuwaiti official, who declined to be identified, said there was agreement to cut output but gave no details.

"I am smiling," said Opec member Ginandjar Kartasasmita of Indonesia when asked about the talks.

Non-Opec Oman's Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al-Shanfari of Oman said: "I am satisfied."

Ministers, facing a barrage of questions as they entered the Opec secretariat, gave differing views about the likely outcome.

### Talks

A non-Gulf minister who asked not to be named said the talks would be "awkward and difficult" while one from the Gulf area, from where much of Opec's subterranean wealth is pumped, said: "Why should we?" when asked if Opec would cut output.

But Algeria's Belkacem Nabi, normally a hardliner on price and production, said the offer by six non-Opec states to cut their exports by five per cent in May and June if Opec made a similar cut was "a positive proposal. I think it is very good."

Saudi Minister Hisham Nazer would not comment on the issue.

Cooperation between Opec and non-Opec oil producing developing countries within a "framework of practical arrangements" can bring about stability to the oil market, according to Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Ginandjar Kartasasmita.

In an interview with Opecna today, he expressed confidence that given Opec/non-Opec cooperation, the desired stability would be achieved even without cooperation from consuming countries.

"This is not a threat," he stressed, "but simply an effort to refute those who are saying that parleys between Opec and non-Opec oil producing countries will not be successful."

The minister was commenting on a statement by US Energy Secretary John Herrington who during his recent tour of Southeast Asian countries said that the Opec/non-Opec meeting which ended on a positive note Wednesday, was "doomed to failure."

The minister said what was called the "marginal barrel" was in the hands of Opec and non-Opec oil producing countries of the developing world.

He added that the developing world held the potential for the development of the world's future oil supplies, as reserves in the industrialised countries were depleting.

## World Business Summary

### More are employed in Soviet consumer sector

MOSCOW, April 29, (Reuters): Soviet economic reforms have brought a marked increase in numbers employed in cooperatives running enterprises from restaurants to beauty salons, official figures showed on Monday. A report on the economy in the government newspaper Izvestia said the number of people working in cooperatives had shot up from 15,000 in the first quarter of 1987 to 200,000 now. A total of 400,000 were now employed in "individual labour activities," or limited private enterprise ventures allowed by Kremlin reforms, although the report did not say if that total included those employed by cooperatives. The figures also showed that industrial output in the first three months of 1988 grew by five per cent compared with the first quarter of last year, or 0.5 per cent more than planned.

But output of many consumer goods and basic foodstuffs was below target, Izvestia said. Demand for clothing, shoes, potatoes, meat and dairy products was not met. Izvestia said 400,000 workers had transferred from jobs in industry, construction and transport to other branches of the economy, especially the service area. But some ministries were not giving enough help to those employed in the new enterprises and cooperatives, failing to supply them with the materials they need. "A lot of officials were inadequately prepared for the new conditions," it said. The report also said that, in the important machine-building sector, a priority in Kremlin plans for economic renewal, 33 per cent of enterprises failed to meet targets, at a cost of 286 million roubles (\$484 million) in undelivered products.

### Carter favours gasoline tax

NEW YORK, April 29, (Reuters): Former President Jimmy Carter said on Wednesday he favours increased taxation of petrol to ensure the United States becomes less dependent on Opec countries for its oil supply. Interviewed on the nightly business report, a public television news show, Carter said more and more oil was being imported and less and less was being produced in the United States. "We must take steps to ensure that we are not so dependent on Opec so that, if prices again skyrocket, our economy would be devastated and there would be worldwide inflation," he said.

Carter agreed that an oil import tax was one possible step to take. "Another is to have an increased tax on gasoline (petrol)," he said. "We'll have to have some increase in revenues... and this would be a discouragement on the part of Americans to waste so much energy." As for the coming US election, Carter said it was too early to choose between the two Democratic candidates, Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson. However, he believed either one would do a better job than Vice President George Bush. "He (Bush) has basically promised to continue Reaganomics... which he had formerly called 'voodoo economics,'" Carter said. "Something has to be done to cut down on the enormous (budget) deficit we have been experiencing and something has to be done to change our adverse trade balance."

### GATT ends China readmission talks

GENEVA, April 29, (Reuters): The world trade body GATT on Thursday concluded a special three-day meeting on China's application for readmission to the 96-nation group and will hold further talks on the subject in June, delegates said. China was a founding member of the GATT in 1948, but quit two years later after the present Communist administration ousted the nationalists from power. Peking applied in July 1986 to "resume its seat" as a developing country member.

Another session of the China working party of the General Agreement on Tariffs and trade (GATT) was scheduled for June. Shen Juoren, vice-minister of Foreign Economic Relations, led a 30-strong delegation here from Beijing which answered 300 questions on China's economic and trade policies. A Chinese official at the closed-door talks told Reuters: "China's delegation presented a lot of material which will be hard to digest. It was almost a one-sided session with our description of our own trade system and whole economic system. 'Only after collecting this information can the other GATT member states think about policy decisions,'" he added. Delegates reported the private discussions this week were highly technical, covering China's tariffs and internal taxes. They said there were no policy statements by Western members.

### Court turns down appeal against tin council

LONDON, April 29, (AP): The court of appeal on Wednesday turned down appeals by 17 creditors to force the International Tin Council to repay an estimated \$500 million (\$935 million) of debts incurred when the body collapsed in 1985.

The judgement was the latest stage in a long battle by the council's creditors to prove that the 22 member states of the council — which include the major tin producers, most of the European Economic Community and Japan — are liable for the council's debts.

The council collapsed in October 1985 after running up huge debts in its attempts to support the tin price despite expanding production and falling demand.

### Contract

The consequences of the council's demise are still hanging over the metals markets, with the London Metal Exchange's tin contract still suspended indefinitely. Sharply lower tin prices have put many producers out of business.

The six banks making claims against the council include the Kleinwort Benson Lonsdale Plc and Hambros Plc Eleven Metals Brokers, all members of the London Metal Exchange, were led in their court filing by J.H. Raynes Ltd.

Dismissing the creditors' five appeals, which all centered on the precise legal status of the council, the court upheld the decisions of two lower court judges that the council has a distinct legal personality, separate from its members, and is alone responsible for its debts.

However, in an unusual move, Lord Justice Michael Kerr, one of three presiding judges, said in the judgement that the council's resistance to all attempts by its creditors to regain their losses was "unbecoming to an international organisation, to those who constitute it, to those who are responsible for its actions and to those who advise it."

## Iraq plans to attract Arab investors

BAGHDAD, Iraq, April 29, (AP): Iraq is trying to attract Gulf Arab money with new tax breaks for investments in joint ventures in sectors such as automobile parts and tourism, a top official said on Wednesday.

"Our aim is to attract Arab investment to take part in economic development in Iraq," Planning Minister Samal Majed Faraj said in an interview.

The latest developments are part of an economic liberalisa-

tion drive by President Saddam Hussein that has included the privatisation of some state-run companies.

### Investors

Faraj said a new law has already been enacted to permit Arab businessmen and companies from outside Iraq to invest in the industrial, agricultural, service and tourism sectors.

Prospective investors will be entitled to set up projects at a

minimum paid capital of 500,000 dinars (\$2.5 million). Iraqi participation in these projects can be no higher than 49 per cent.

"We intend to encourage these projects to ensure their success and their participation in speeding our economic development," he said.

The law, which was ratified by the ruling Revolutionary Command Council on April 11, provides for incentives that include partial tax exemption for

five years after the project becomes operational.

Other benefits include free plots of land or low-cost leasing terms on government-owned properties.

### Projects

The minister said the new projects will be provided with all necessary assurances against nationalisation or confiscation by the government along with the investor's right to repatriate profits.

### New aid package for Tunisia

BONN, April 29, (Reuters): West Germany will give Tunisia cheap loans and grants totalling 57.5 million marks (\$34.4 million) in 1988 to help the North African state implement agricultural reform and improve its drinking water, the development aid ministry said yesterday.

It said in a statement that following talks in Tunis, Bonn had agreed to make available 45 million marks (\$26.9 million) in low-interest credits and 12.5 million marks (\$7.5 million) in grants.

## EEC urged to impose tougher sanctions on South Africa

LUXEMBOURG, April 29, (Reuters): Developing countries urged the European Economic Community on Tuesday to impose tougher economic sanctions against South Africa, saying the bloc had the power to satisfy the world's demand for an end to apartheid.

The call came at a special meeting between a delegation from the 66-nation African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group, which is linked to the community by the Lome trade and aid convention, and foreign ministers from three of the 12 EEC member states.

"The community and its member states have at their disposal all the means capable of forcing South Africa to make the changes which the whole world is waiting for," said Almoustapha Soumaila, the Planning Minister of Niger and current President of the ACP.

### Higher

"We ask you to make use of them, for the price to be paid will be higher than we can imagine if you delay. Time is not in favour of peaceful change," he added.

A copy of Soumaila's speech was made available to reporters. He said the sanctions adopted by the EEC in 1986 — a ban on some imports of iron and steel and gold coins from South Africa and a voluntary ban on new EEC investment there — needed to be enforced more strictly.

But the situation in South Africa had deteriorated and new measures were needed, such as a ban on military and technical exports to South Africa, including nuclear technology, restrictions on imports of South African coal, gold and uranium and a mandatory ban on investment.

Diplomats said Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of West Germany, the EEC's current chairman, did not reply directly to the call for more sanctions, which is opposed chiefly by his own government. Britain and Portugal among EEC states.

But he said the meeting would send a political signal to Pretoria.

### Aid

EEC Development Commissioner Lorenzo Natali stressed the aid given by the community to victims of the apartheid system of racial segregation and said EEC aid to black states in southern Africa would also be increased.

He added that the community was doing everything in its power to prevent South Africa from passing a proposed law which would effectively ban foreign funding for anti-apartheid groups.

Diplomats said the community agreed with the ACP that recent reforms announced by South African President P.W. Botha designed to give blacks a

up capital of Rs 43,614 crores.

These comprised 1,066 government companies with a paid-up capital of Rs 33,793 crores and 1,49,554 non-government companies with a paid up capital of Rs 9,821 crores. A large number of companies (132,360) were private limited companies and the remaining (18,260) public limited companies.

The geographical distribution of companies at work shows that Delhi accounted for 17 per cent of the companies and 34.7 per cent of their aggregate paid-up capital.

Maharashtra accounted for another 23.8 per cent, followed by West Bengal (15.5 per cent), Tamil Nadu (7.6 per cent) and Gujarat (6 per cent).

In fact, these five states and the union territory of Delhi accounted for 69.9 per cent of the companies and 68.4 per cent of the total paid-up capital.

The report notes that the number of foreign companies working in India rose to 400 at the end of December 31, 1987.

## Sharp decline in new issues

NEW DELHI, April 29: A sharp decline in the number of companies going to the capital market and in the amount of capital to be raised by them was noticed in the first six months of 1987-88, according to Financial Express.

During April-September 1987, only 50 non-government, non-financial public limited companies delivered to the Registrars of Companies copies of the prospectus for raising Rs 199 crores from the public.

Against this, 178 companies had delivered their prospectuses to the Registrar of Companies for raising Rs 291 crores in the April-September period of 1986.

According to the annual report of the Department of Company Affairs for 1987-88, 385 companies had delivered their prospectuses to the Registrar of Companies for raising Rs 1,269 crores from the public during 1986-87.

Of this, Rs 690 crores or 54.4 per cent of the total amount issued was offered to public,

while the balance Rs 579 crores was earmarked for firm allotment to promoters, directors and others. As much as 32.9 per cent of the total amount issued and 60.6 per cent of the amount offered to the public was underwritten.

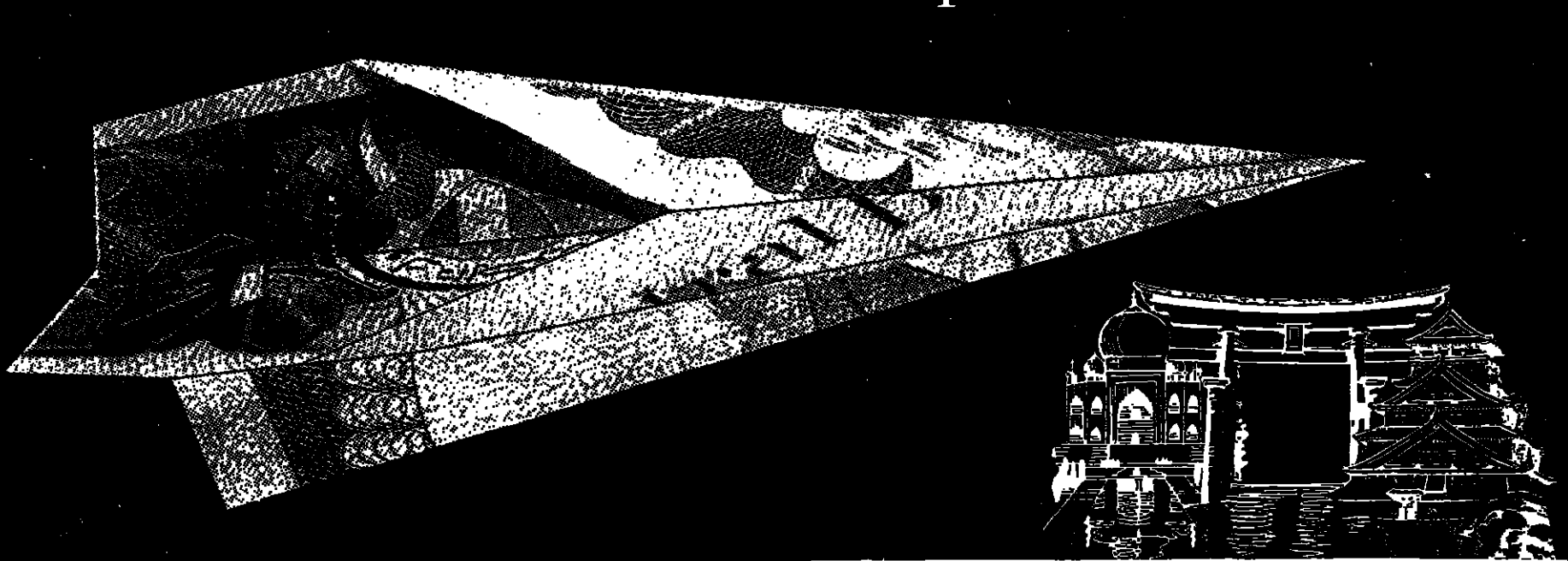
In the first six months of 1987-88, Rs 108 crores, constituting 54.3 per cent of Rs 199 crores issued, was offered to the public against 52.6 per cent during the corresponding period of 1986. The balance amount represented firm allotment to promoters, directors and others.

### Capital

Of the total amount issued during April-September 1987, 25.1 per cent was underwritten by financial institutions and other underwriters. The amount underwritten during the corresponding period of the previous year constituted 44.7 per cent of the total amount issued.

The annual report notes that as on December 31, 1987, there were 1,50,620 companies limited by shares with an aggregate paid-

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## LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

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ADT LTD	116/0		
ALD LYONS	415/0		
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ARGYLL GP	194/0		
ASDA GP	162/0		
BAA PP	114/0		
BTR	57/00		
BAT INDS	414/0		
BARCLAYS	380/0		
BASS	848/0		
BEAZER	186/0		
BEECHAMS	477/0		
BELSFORD	293/0		
BICC PLC	317/0		
BLUE ARMY	116/0		
BLUE CIRC	419/0		
BOD GP	70/62		
BOOTS CO	260/0		
BPS INDS	278/0		
BR COMM	263/0		
BR AIRWAY	159/0		
BR AEROSP	408/0		
BR GAS RG	172/0		
B.P.	270/5		
B.P. NEW	75/0		
BR TELCOM	247/0		
BRITTOIL	520/0		
BUNZL	135/0		
BURNHAM OL	560/0		
BURTON	243/0		
CABLEWIR	334/0		
CADBURYS	353/0		
COURTIS VIT	238/0		
COMW INC	335/0		
COMS GOLD	960/0		
COOKSON	531/0		
COURTALD	386/0		
DALREY	293/0		
DEE CP	186/0		
DIXONS	180/0		
ENG CHINA	427/0		
ENTER OIL	393/0		
FKI BACK	122/0		
FERRANTI	83/50		
GEN ACCIO	905/0		
GEN ELEC	149/0		
GLAXO	932/0		
GRANADA	326/0		
GLOBE	135/0		
GLYNED	459/4		
GRAND NTL	489/0		
GUARD RYL	901/0		
GUN	310/0		
GUINNESS	316/0		
HAWTHORN A	568/0		
HANSON	126/0		
HAKER SID	515/0		
HILLSDOWN	275/0		
ICI	980/0		

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1440.6	1444.7	1448.9	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	1023.1	1023.1	1023.1	984.4
FT ALL SHR	928.28	928.28	929.14	896.75
FT GOV SEC	89.30	89.30	90.03	91.03
FT GOLD NM	211.1	211.1	209.4	237.3
FT MINES F	462.85	462.85	468.55	432.96
FT OIL	1849.1	1849.1	1849.1	1768.7
FT MLD DLR	130.17	129.68	129.98	128.44
FT MLD STG	102.96	102.43	102.78	101.83
FT MLD LOC	113.62	113.42	113.55	112.29

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES RALLY ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS NEWS  
LONDON, APRIL 29, REUTER - U.K. SHARES PRICES JUMPED IN INITIAL REACTION TO NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.K. TRADE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT GAP IN MARCH, ALTHOUGH THE RALLY WAS SLOWED BY NERVOUS PROFIT-TAKING, DEALERS SAID.

THE FTSE 100 INDEX AT 1036 GWT WAS UP 4.8 POINTS AT 1,809.2 AFTER STANDING 2.9 POINTS LOWER ON THE DAY JUST AHEAD OF THE FIGURES.

THE U.K. CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT WAS 254 MLN STG IN MARCH AGAINST 720 MLN IN FEBRUARY AND MARKET EXPECTATIONS OF AROUND 500 MLN, WHILE THE TRADE SHORTFALL WAS 854 MLN STG AGAINST 1.32 BILLION IN FEBRUARY AND FORECASTS OF AROUND 1.1 BILLION.

STERLING RALLIED AROUND TWO PENNINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PAYMENTS NEWS BUT SOON DROPPED BACK TO TRADE AROUND 3.14 MARKS. U.K. MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE MARKED DOWN AROUND 1/16 POINT IN REACTION TO THE FIGURES.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND QUICKLY MOVED IN ON THE POUND'S RISE AND SOLD INTO THE RALLY, INDICATING THAT IT DID NOT WANT TO SEE IT OVER 3.15 MARKS, DEALERS SAID.

ANALYSTS SAID THE MARKET'S FAIRLY MUTED REACTION TO THE DATA INDICATED A WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT THE GOOD FIGURE THIS MONTH WAS JUST AN IRONING OUT OF DISTORTIONS, CAUSED BY A CHANGE IN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, WHICH WIDENED THE GAP IN PREVIOUS MONTHS.

## London Gold

LONDON, APRIL 29, REUTER - GOLD BULLION TRADED SLIGHTLY LOWER THIS AFTERNOON, REFLECTING LIGHT SELLING IN NEW YORK AND SOME STRENGTH IN THE DOLLAR AROUND MID-AFTERNOON, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD WAS FIXED QUICKLY AT 449.00 DLR AN OUNCE, SLIGHTLY EASIER THAN THIS MORNING'S FIX OF 449.75 DLR AND COMPARED TO YESTERDAY'S CLOSING LEVEL OF 451.00/451.50 DLR. TRADE WAS VERY QUIET AHEAD OF THE U.K. HOLIDAY WEEKEND, THEY ADDED.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET APPEARS UNABLE TO BREAK OUT OF THIS WEEK'S PRESENT NARROW TRADING RANGE OF 447/453 DLR, ADDING THERE WAS IMMEDIATE SUPPORT AT 448 DLR AND RESISTANCE AT 452 DLR.

## London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 29, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE MARKED DOWN AROUND 1/16 POINT IN REACTION TO THE BETTER THAN EXPECTED U.K. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DATA FOR MARCH.

FORECASTS FOR THE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT HAD CENTERED AROUND THE 500 MLN STG LEVEL AND THE ACTUAL FIGURE OF 254 MLN TOOK STERLING HIGHER AND WAS GREETED WITH RELIEF BY A MONEY MARKET WHICH HAD GEARED UP TO EXPECT BAD NEWS.

SHORT STERLING FUTURES EXTENDED THEIR EARLIER GAINS TO STAND A NET 20 BASIS POINTS HIGHER AT 91.32 AT 1050 GWT, AFTER TOUCHING A HIGH OF 91.39. THE KEY THREE MONTHS INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 POINT LOWER AT 8-7/16 5/16 PCT.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKK	FFR	OPG
1.8838/48	1.8840/45	34.92/94	5.6740/70	100.6830/6995
1.6643/6723	3.138/152			29.34/50
5.665/677	10.681/699	339.59/40.23		FIX
1.3865/3875	2.6104/6151	83.10/19	24.45/48	1300
1.8715	3.5235	112.145	32.99	FIX
1.24295	6.59729	2.07545	7.5425	CLSE
1.38175	0.736815	2.31112	7.84419	CLSE
124.55/65	234.74/235.08			NOON
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BR COMM	263/0		
BR AIRWAY	159/0		
BR AEROSP	408/0		
BR GAS RG	172/0		
B.P.	270/5		
B.P. NEW	75/0		
BR TELCOM	247/0		
BRITTOIL	520/0		
BUNZL	135/0		
BURNHAM OL	560/0		
BURTON	243/0		
CABLEWIR	334/0		
CADBURYS	353/0		
COURTIS VIT	238/0		
COMW INC	335/0		
COMS GOLD	960/0		
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GLOBE	135/0		
GLYNED	459/4		
GRAND NTL	489/0		
GUARD RYL	901/0		
GUN	310/0		
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## Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	286.7	286.3	285.5	278.4
AUSTRIA	206.0	205.4	205.5	203.8
BELGIUM	368.8	367.3	367.4	365.7
CANADA	366.5	367.1	367.2	363.4
DENMARK	375.3	375.2	375.4	370.3
FRANCE	321.6	326.6	319.8	290.7
GERMANY	166.1	165.2	165.3	166.3
HONG KONG	1853.3	1857.0	1852.5	1823.7
FINLAND	109.8	110.1	109.9	108.1
ITALY	393.2	395.1	399.9	404.7
NETHERLANDS	1293.1	1283.7	1288.4	1269.3
NEW ZEAL	246.7	248.4	246.2	238.4
NORWAY	96.4	96.9	97.0	98.9
SPAIN	495.8	498.5	497.8	475.2
SWEDEN	553.7	548.5	547.8	521.9
SWITZ	243.0	243.9	244.4	247.8
U.K.	149.3	149.6	148.0	147.2
U.S.A.	541.6	542.9	540.2	526.3
WORLD	261.3	262.5	262.7	229.4
E.A.F.E.	459.4	457.8	459.5	451.2

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	0	31/0
ATLANTIC R	0	89/0
AAR CORP	0	24/4
AETNA LIFE	0	43/1
ALBERTSONS	0	30/3
ALCAN ALUM	0	28/2
ALCO STAND	0	23/1
AM CYNAMID	0	50/4
AM ELET PV	0	26/6
AM HON PRO	0	78/5
AM HON PRO	0	79/7
AM STANDARD	0	77/5
AM STORES	0	61/4
AM TEL-TEL	0	26/4
AMOCO CORP	0	78/4
AMP INC	0	47/0
AMCO PITT	0	14/4
AMR CORP	0	42/3
AMR GEN CO	0	30/0
AMERADA NE	0	30/5
ANTHEM ELE	0	12/6
APACHE CP	0	7/7
APACHE PET	0	2/7
ARMSTRONG	0	39/1
ASHLAND OIL	0	70/2
ASIA PACIFIC	0	6/1
ATLS CORP	0	34/1
AVERT INT	0	22/7
AVON PRODS	0	23/3
BELL ATLAN	0	66/4
BCE INC	0	31/1
BELL-HON	0	63/3
BETH STEEL	0	20/5
BEVERLY	0	6/4
BK BOSTON	0	48/6
BK BETH-A	0	30/1
BK N-YORK	0	30/5
BKAMERICA	0	10/5
BKAM SPEC	0	7/4
BOEING CO	0	48/2
BOISE CAS	0	45/0
BORDEN	0	54/4
BOMATE	0	31/5
BR TELECOM	0	46/5
BRIGGS-STR	0	29/4
BRIST-MYER	0	40/6
BURNSWICK	0	23/3
TRSPRT DV	0	218/0
TURKISH	0	324/0
TYL MORD	0	415/0
TYNDALL	0	145/0
U-BELL	0	284/0
U-BRST	0	109/0
U-BRD ST	0	38/0
U-CIFER	0	13/4
U-CUFF	0	109/0
U-DEWEY	0	118/0
U-EDRAGE	0	364/0
U-EXPLAUR	0	37/4
U-FIELDS	0	93/0
U-FLOYD	0	30/4
U-HANTHRN	0	39/4
U-HUGH	0	76/0
U-HUGHES	0	100/0
U-KUNICK	0	39/0
U-LN FRF	0	165/0
U-MICROV	0	40/0
U-MOLINAR	0	39/0
U-MRIS	0	8/0
U-MRYDAN	0	375/0
U-PROP TS	0	3/0
U-RDSHNT	0	148/0
U-ROEFEN	0	172/0
U-SELECT	0	21/0
U-STH BUS	0	308/0
U-STHUS	0	218/0
U-T-V AM	0	144/0
U-TUBULAR	0	25/0
U-UTG GRP	0	200/0
U-WAYNE K	0	68/0
U-WMS LEI	0	50/4
U-WYKO GP	0	73/0
U.E.I.	0	339/0
UK PAPER	0	137/0
ULSTER TV	0	77/0
UNDERWOOD	0	144/0
UTD-SCEN	0	184/0
VALUENIC	0	54/0
VALX GRP	0	583/0
VERSON	0	20/0
VG INSTRT	0	403/0
VICKERS	0	167/0
VPI GRP	0	310/0
WABURG S	0	322/0
WARD WTE	0	313/0
WATERFO	0	84/0
WATERFO U	0	84/0
WATSON+P	0	183/0
WATSON+P	0	201/0
WATTS B&B	0	269/0
WCRS GRP	0	260/0
WELMAN	0	36/4
WENBLEY	0	123/0
WESTLAND	0	88/0
WHEAT	0	31/4
WIDNEY	0	29/0
WITAN INV	0	107/0
WALKER GRN	0	113/0
WALSON BOW	0	205/0
WALSON COM	0	400/0
WOLSELEY	0	273/0
WOLVOLD	0	391/0
WPP GRP	0	514/0

## Wall Street Statistics Composite

HAMMOND	602/0	600/0	RENTOKIT	188/0	188/0	WILSON GRN	113/0	114/0
HARRIS W C	619/0	620/0	RNP GROUP	188/0	188/0	WILSON BOW	205/0	205/0
HEATH(CE)	398/0	395/0	ROBINSON	455/0	454/0	WILSON CON	400/0	401/0
HELENE LN	35/0	35/0	ROCKMARE	59/0	60/0	WOLSELEY	273/0	273/0
HENDERST ST	132/0	133/0	ROHNEY	314/0	315/0	WOLWOLD	391/0	392/0
HEYWOOD V	302/0	302/0	ROTHSCHILD	158/0	157/0	WPP GRP	514/0	513/0

### Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR	
AUSTRALIA	286.7	286.3	285.5	278.4	259.3
AUSTRIA	206.0	205.4	205.5	203.8	215.4
BELGIUM	368.8	367.3	367.4	365.7	260.2
CANADA	366.5	367.1	367.2	363.4	350.7
DENMARK	375.3	375.2	375.4	370.3	336.6
FRANCE	321.6	326.6	319.8	290.7	288.5
GERMANY	166.1	165.2	165.3	166.3	156.6
HONG KONG	1853.3	1857.0	1852.5	1823.7	1644.3
IRELAND	109.8	110.1	109.9	108.1	
ITALY	393.2	395.1	399.9	404.7	377.4
JAPAN	1293.1	1283.7	1288.4	1269.3	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	246.7	248.4	246.2	238.4	215.9

## Wall Street Market Report

New York, April 29, (Reuters): Blue Chips posted a small gain but the broader market slipped as investors reacted to a mixed economic message from the leading indicators. The March indicators rose 0.8 pct in line with expectations but upward revisions in Jan and Feb caused mild concern and hurt bonds.

With anxiety riding high over inflation and interest rates, a trader said, investors will probably remain content to sit back and watch the economic picture unfold with news on employment next week and trade later in the month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained one point to 2042. Declines led advances four to three on volume of seven mln shares.



## International Bond Highlights

Washington—The Farm Credit System will probably issue a bond for about 500 mln dlrs before the end of June to assist ailing system banks, Senator Richard Lugar told the Commodity Club of Washington. (RTWC 1808)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 7-5/16 3/16	8-1/16 B	8-1/3 3/8
FFI 3.25/30	3.40/50	3.50/55
PAR 7-5/8 3/4	7-3/4 7/8	8 8-1/8
ZUR 1-3/8 1-5/8	1-3/4 2	2 2-1/4
BRX 4.40	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
ROM 9-3/4 10-1/4	9-5/8 10-1/8	10-1/4 10-3/4
AMS 3-7/8 4-0/4	4-0/4 4-1/8	4-0/4 4-1/8
TOK 3.4375 5000	3.8125 8750	3.8750 9375
EDU 5.81 5.93	6.06 6.18	6.31 6.43

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	513/16	61/4
3 months	53/4	63/16
6 months	55/8	6
1 year	59/16	6

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	68.50	69	69	505	510	510
ACC	156	155	155	35	34.50	34.50	93	92.50	92.50
ASIA PAINT	144.25	143	143	90.50	91	90.50	466	455	460
BAJAJ AUTO	212.50	207.50	210	105	105	103	24	23	24
BAK.RATON	210	212.50	210	75.50	76	75.50	57	58	60
BOM.DYING	127	127	129	77.50	77.50	76	28	27.75	29
BR. BOND	94.50	94	93	17.25	17.25	16.75	46.50	45	45
BSE INDEX	467.09	474.41	474.41	20.50	20.50	20.50	118	115	116.50
CENTURYSPG	853.75	830	827.50	52.50	52.50	58	67	64	66
COLGATE	174	176	174	148.75	158.75	162.50	34.75	34.50	34.25
DEEPAKERT	30	29	29.50	34.50	34	35	230	232.50	232.50
ESKAYTEL	52	54	52	35.50	34.50	34.50	260	255	260
ESAR	162.50	162.50	17	87.50	88	87	64	64	64.25
ESKAYTEL	17.50	17.25	16	56	56	57.50	70	70	70
GAR. POLY	77	76.50	77	10.25	10.12	11.80	715.75	710	705
GE.SHIP	27.75	27.75	29.25	70	70	74	275	275	277.50

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	204.7	203.5
ALLIANZ VR	1325.0	1319.0
BADEMERK	178.5	178.5
BASF	242.2	242.6
BAYER	266.2	266.0
BAYER HYP	340.0	338.0
BAYER VER	338.0	337.0
BBC	322.0	321.0
BHF	373.0	382.0
BHW	511.0	508.0
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0
COMMERZB	226.0	228.0
CONTI GUM	245.8	247.1
DALMER BEN	611.0	609.0
DEUTSCH BIK	410.0	411.0
DLW	361.0	367.9
DRESNER & D	242.0	240.5
ET BASCOFF	146.9	157.2
FALZ INDEX	447.07	449.21
GODSCHMID	254.0	253.0
GUTENHOFF	0	0
HARPER	406.0	408.0
HESCHT AG	254.2	252.0
HOESCH	123.0	123.5
HORTEN	184.0	188.0
MUSSEL HLD	463.0	468.0
KALI SALZ	133.0	135.0
KARSTADT	453.0	457.0
KLAUFROF	404.0	413.4
KLOECK H	103.0	102.5
KLOECK W	90.00	90.10
LINDE	640.0	623.0
LUTHMANS	149.5	149.2
MAN	174.3	175.2
MANHESMAN	135.9	136.8
MERCEDES	489.0	484.0
METALLURG	271.8	269.0
NIDORF PF	507.5	507.8
NORSK NYD	55.20	57.30
PHILIP KOP	582.0	585.0
PORSCHE	529.0	530.0
PREUSSAG	163.0	163.0
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VEN	164.2	164.2
VOLKSWAGEN	239.4	237.5

## HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
C N TUNNEL	15.40	15.20
CHONG K	7.45	7.40
CHINA GAS	16.30	16.10
CHINA L-P	18.40	18.20
CHINA MOTR	18.80	18.60
CHONG IND	0	4.30
EVERGO LTD	37	37
GEN EAST C	77	77
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	9.15	9.00
H S INDEX	602.87	592.02
HANG LUNG	5.35	5.35
HANG SENG	26.80	26.80
HAM PAR BR	0	21.00
HK ELEC CO	7.70	7.60
HK KOWLOON	7.10	7.05
HK LAND CO	8.40	8.35
HK SHAN BK	6.65	6.60
HK SHAN HT	4.22	4.17
HK TELE CO	7.10	7.10
HUTCH WHAM	8.45	8.40
IND EQ PAC	11.10	10.60
JARDINE M	12.50	12.40
KOHLOON M	12.80	12.70
NEW WORLD	10.30	10.30
PAUL Y CON	2.02	2.05
REALTY DEV	0	5.90
S H K CO	1.87	1.87
S H K PROP	10.70	10.70
SIME DARY	1.49	1.47
STELLUX HFG	2.52	2.47
SWIRE PAC	16.80	16.80
T V B CO	15.40	15.00
TAI CHEUNG	3.72	3.70
UNION BANK	1.54	1.52
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK HAD	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.40	3.32

## KUWAIT

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AEG	204.7	203.5
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BADEMERK	178.5	178.5
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## Dow Jones Plus Indices

IND	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,042.27	+ 0.99	2,043.44	2,040.95
TRANS	838.71	- 1.49	840.50	838.71
UTILS	170.16	- 0.24	170.52	170.16
STOCKS	756.03	- 0.29	756.61	756.03
NYSE COMP	148.26	- 7		
S-P COMPOSITE	262.50	- 0.10		
NYSE IND	181.03	- 0.05		
AMEX INDEX	301.19	- 0.31		
NASDAQ	378.45	- 0.32		
NASDAQ	443.01	+ 0.01		
NASDAQ	451.41	- 0.03		
NASDAQ	390.36	- 0.56		
S-P 100 INDEX	248.68	- 0.09		

## AMMAN

As of 27.4.88	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.27	1.27
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.76	1.77
ARAB BANK	114.2	114.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.91	3.91
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.30	1.32
ARAB INSURANCE	1.05	1.10
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.94
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.33	0.36
ARAB PHARMA. CHEN	1.95	1.95
ARAB PHARMA/HANF	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.75	14.75
BELOTUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	30.00	30.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.37	0.37
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.42	1.41
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.41	0.40
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.52	0.50
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.10	3.95
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.26
GENERAL MINING.	1.35	1.22
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.79	0.79
HOLY LAND INS.	1.20	1.32
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.59	0.59
INDSTRL DEVLPT BIK	1.40	1.40
INDSTRL/COMM/AGR.	1.32	1.30
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. CON/INV	0.19	0.19
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.96
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.17	1.22
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.75	0.75
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	13.60	13.60
JOR CEMENT FACTOR	1.01	1.01
JOR CERAMIC	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.44	1.45
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.17
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.90	0.90
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.31	1.31
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.80	0.75
JOR LIM BRICK	0.19	0.19
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.50	2.50
JOR PAPER CARDBRDR	2.92	2.95
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.20	2.21
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.14	1.14
JOR PRESS/PUBLISHER	2.00	2.05
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	3.96	4.00
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.51	0.52
JOR SECURIT. CORP	0.79	0.79
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.58	2.54
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.16	1.16
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.35	4.35
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.04	7.04
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP.	1.87	1.87
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.32	0.30
JORDAN DAIRY	0.98	0.98
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.11	1.13
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BIK	1.67	1.67
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.45
JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.77	0.76
MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.75	0.74
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.60
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	0.97	0.96
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.28	1.29
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.50	0.50
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.69	0.69
NATIONAL STEEL	2.69	2.71
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.00	1.95
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.86	0.84
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.39	0.37
SHIPPING LINES	0.80	0.78
SPINNING WEAVING	0.76	0.76
THE HOUSING BANK	1.68	1.71
UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.50
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.33	1.42
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.81
YARMOLK INSURANCE	1.06	1.06

## PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL				SECTOR	BC-A	78.00	77.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.45	.46	.45
AC-A	9.50	9.60	9.50	LC-B	.47	.48	.48
ANS	3.90	3.95	4.05	PK-A	.38	.39	.38
FER-A	2.36	2.40	2.38	PK-B	.40	.41	.40
GLG	34.50	35.00	34.50	OIL SECTOR			
PLDT	176.00	177.00	180.00	BP-A	.018	.019	.018
KPSI-A	141.00			BP-B	.018	.019	.018
SHC-A	141.00	142.00	142.00	LRC-A	.0026		
SHC-B	170.00	171.00	172.00	LRC-B	.0028		.0028
MINING SECTOR				OPW-A	.045	.046	.044
APX-A	.026	.027	.027	OPW-B	.046	.048	.046
APX-B	.026	.027		OV-A	.035	.036	.035
AT-A	20.50	20.75	21.00	OV-B	.036	.037	.036



## Partners in Europe and Asia denounce proposals

## Reagan seeks new trade bill

WASHINGTON, April 29, (Reuters): The White House told Congress yesterday it wants a new trade bill to replace one passed by lawmakers that President Reagan will veto because he disagrees with some provisions.

But Democratic leaders in the Senate, which approved the giant bill by a 63-36 vote on Wednesday, said Reagan "should know better" than to expect quick action on an alternative when it took three years for Congress to pass a trade bill.

"There can't be any quick turnaround on this bill," Senate majority leader Robert Byrd said. He said there was too little time to pass a new bill this year because amendments would be offered if Congress tries to strip out provisions the Reagan administration does not want.

**Guilt**

"The White House doesn't want a trade bill," Byrd charged. The bill would force the president to retaliate against a country found guilty of "unfair trade barriers against US competitors. The type of punishment would be chosen by the president."

The Reagan administration supports many provisions in the 1,100-page trade bill, but singled

out one requiring advance notice of major plant closings and layoffs as a reason for vetoing the whole bill.

Though Byrd clung to a faint hope that Reagan might change his mind and sign the bill into law, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said he would not.

**Legislation**

"The president will veto the bill," Fitzwater told reporters, adding Reagan wants a trade bill and would work with Congress to thrash out legislation "acceptable to us."

"We want to get another trade bill passed," he said. "We would like to turn around this veto as soon as possible."

The Senate vote fell short of the two-thirds majority—67 out of 100 members—that would be needed to overturn a presidential veto and was far closer than the commanding 312-107 approving vote in the House a week earlier.

The trade bill will likely go to the White House about the middle of next week after which the president has 10 days to veto it or sign it into law.

With elections coming, the leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, Michael Dukakis, said in a letter to the president it was "a

sensible, carefully crafted bill and will enhance our competitiveness... without erecting artificial trade barriers that could harm American workers and threaten a trade war."

US trade partners in Europe and Asia denounced the trade proposals approved by Congress and vowed to resist if they became law.

The massive trade bill that Congress wants to force through over President Reagan's veto contains the following key provisions:

**Retaliation** — The Reagan administration, under the US trade representative, would be forced to investigate countries with "numerous and pervasive" unfair trade barriers against US competitors. The type of retaliation would be decided by the president.

**Sanctions** — Three-year sanctions would be imposed against Japan's Toshiba Corp and Korea's Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Co. for selling high technology to the Soviet Union. The ban applies to sales to the US government. Toshiba Machine Co would be forbidden to sell any goods in the United States for three years.

**Foreign bribes** — Would ease

the foreign corrupt practices act by limiting criminal and civil liability of corporate officials to those who "know" a third party has made illegal payments to individuals to conduct business in a foreign country.

Currently an official may be prosecuted if they know or have "reason to know" about such a payment.

**Securities dealers** — The Federal Reserve of New York would be forbidden to let foreign-owned securities firms from acting as primary dealers in US government securities, unless their home country grants a similar privilege to US companies.

**Small business** — Increases the operation of the small business administration's international trade office and authorizes \$3.5 million this fiscal year to help small firms promote their products in foreign markets.

**Plant closing** — This provision stands at the centre of the clash between the White House and Congress, even though it has nothing to do with foreign trade. The section would force large US firms to give 60 days' notice before closing a large plant or laying off a large number of workers.

**Windfall profits tax** — Repeals a 1980 law taxing the

profits of US oil producers when the amount charged rises above a set base price. The tax currently is slated to be phased out by 1993.

**Agriculture** — In the event world farm trade talks bogged down, the president would have the authority to expand an export subsidy programme or implement a new programme so that US farmers could sell wheat, corn and soybeans at dramatically lower prices.

**Worker retraining** — Authorizes \$980 million for the retraining of workers who lose their jobs because of plant closings or new technology.

**Negotiating authority** — The president would be given authority to conduct multilateral trade negotiations under the "Uruguay round" of world trade talks now being conducted by members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

**Copyrights and patents** — The president would be forced to take action against countries that do not honour US copyrights and patents, but could cite US national security for withholding a response. Generally, the bill also would make it easier for a US patent holder to recover damages resulting from foreign use of their patent.

## Tandy's new compact disc seen as revolutionising industry

NEW YORK, April 29, (Reuters): Tandy's new erasable compact disc (CD), unveiled last week, could render most other ways of recording music, pictures and computer data obsolete, industry analysts say.

However, its success is not assured. Consumers will not be interested until there are new CD players that can record and erase, the analysts said.

The new disc, which Tandy calls Thor-CD, is the first CD that can be erased and reused in the same way as video and audio tape.

## System

That means it could be used in a stereo system that not only plays back pre-recorded music, but also records, erases and re-records like audio tape players.

Tandy's disc could also replace the video tape used in video cassette recorders and — because it is a digital technology — the floppy discs that store data in computers.

"Imagine what it could do for this," said a television cameraman as he patted the top of the camera he used to film the news conference at which Tandy introduced the Thor-CD.

The Tandy disc works like conventional CDs. The contents

— whether sound, pictures or text — are imprinted digitally as "pits" on the disc by a laser beam, which is also used for playback.

The difference is that the Thor-CD pits can be erased, which allows for editing and re-recording.

**Advantages**

Analysts note that compact discs offer several advantages over other recording media, including bigger capacity and a much sharper quality of reproduction.

More important, said Tandy chairman John Roach, a Thor-CD recorder could cost as little as \$500 in the US market. That compares with more than a \$1,000 for Digital Audio Tape (DAT) players, the major rival of conventional CDs.

"The long-term impact of this could be tremendous," said Liz Buyer, an analyst with Prudential-Bache Securities.

Although Tandy will encourage the development of new CD recorders by licensing its technology, it concedes it would take 18 to 24 months before such machines reached the market. Also, Tandy is not sure how well the discs will hold up under repeated erasing, a problem that has plagued audio tape.

Another obstacle could be raised by the music industry, which has already launched a campaign against DATs.

Like DATs, Tandy's disc can make crystal clear copies of pre-recorded CDs and Vinyl Albums, which record companies fear will cut deeply into their sales.

"If I were in the music industry, this would really concern me," said Ian Warhaftig, a market researcher with International Data Corporation of Framingham, Massachusetts.

Trish Heimers, a spokeswoman for the Record Industry Association of America, said the trade group would not comment on Tandy's product. But she said the group was "always concerned about technology that threatens to make copies of copyrighted material without just compensation to the artist."

**Project**

Tandy kept its erasable CD project under tight wraps and its announcement took nearly everyone by surprise, including other companies that had been racing to develop such a product. Tandy said Thor-CD emerged from years of research at its technology centre in Santa Clara, California, which focusses on magnetic media.

## Shell's first quarter profits rise

VIENNA, April 29, (Opecna): The Shell Oil Company reported yesterday that its first quarter earnings had risen dramatically to \$1.20 billion from 108 million in the same period last year.

The results included a one-time gain of \$900 million from the adoption of a new financial accounting standard relating to income tax.

Shell, which is a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch-Shell Group, said the results were the best since 1981.

Many oil companies have reported sharply improved first-quarter earnings, reflecting a continuing recovery since the oil price collapse of 1986 and a strong market for chemicals, but none of the major companies reported gains as great as Shell's.

**Increase**

Most of the increase in the first-quarter results came in refining and petrochemical production, but other sectors of activity also improved, Shell said.

"We are encouraged by our first-quarter performance, particularly in oil and chemical products, and by the positive near-term outlook," Shell president John Bookout said.

Revenues for the period totalled \$5.10 billion, up 13.3 per cent from 4.5 billion in the same time-slot last year.

Shell said profits from oil and gas exploration and production were \$127 million for the quarter, up by 17 million from the 1987 period.

**Higher**

Natural gas prices were four per cent higher in the 1988 quarter, but oil prices averaged \$13 a barrel, down from \$14.24 a barrel in the 1987 quarter, the company said.

But refining margins improved markedly, Shell said, and profit from oil products was \$130 million, up from eight million. Income from chemicals was 143 million, up from 40 million.

## UAE, Moscow hold talks on oil technology cooperation

ABU DHABI, April 29, (Opecna): Closer cooperation in oil technology between the UAE and the Soviet Union were explored in talks between the two countries.

An interview in a local paper here quoted the Soviet ambassador to UAE, Feliks Fedotov, as saying that an agreement was also being worked out to facilitate the sale of UAE oil and gas products to Soviet Union's neighbouring states.

**Proposals**

The paper, 'Khaleej Times' said the agreements being finalised contained proposals to introduce a new marketing system for the sale of oil and petroleum products for the benefit of both states.

Referring to the Soviet support for Opec in its endeavour to restore world oil market stability, he said detailed talks were being planned between the Soviet Union and Opec member states Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

The ambassador said he expected oil and gas prices to shoot up at the end of this century as there was no viable alternative to oil.

## Sterling strengthens

## Dollar mixed and gold dips

LONDON, April 29, (AP): The US dollar turned in a mixed performance in Europe early today as traders awaited release of economic data from the United States.

Gold prices dipped below \$450 a troy ounce.

The dollar drifted within a narrow range in the first hours of European trading.

Late month commercial dealings kept the market moderately active. But many players staying to the sidelines prior to the release later today of the US index of leading economic indicators for March.

In London, the pound sterling jumped today, resuming a recent rally on news of better-than-expected British trade figures for March.

The pound climbed close to 3.15 West German marks, up from 3.1282 at Thursday's close, before easing. It touched 1.8865 dollars, after opening at 1.8740.

## Rise

Currency dealers said the Bank of England, Britain's central bank, intervened in the open market and sold pounds to brake the rise — concerned that if sterling goes too high it will crimp exports and widen the trade gap again.

Today's figures showed that the visible trade deficit narrowed

to £854 million (\$1.6 billion) in March, after being £1.32 billion (\$2.47 billion) in February.

Shares also rallied on the London Stock Exchange, but some nervous investors later took profits. Initial positive reaction was tempered by concern at how a stronger pound might pinch exporters' dollar earnings.

At London's midday, 30 minutes after the trade figures were announced, the FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks was at 1,807 points, up just 2.6 on Thursday's close.

## Eased

By midday, the pound had eased to around 3.14 marks and \$1.8875, up about one pfenning and one cent on the day.

The pound has found favour with international investors in recent weeks because of relatively high British interest rates and a booming domestic economy.

The government in early March apparently abandoned an effort to hold it below three marks.

The dollar was not affected by today's sterling gyrations and traded quietly in London at mid-session worth around 1.6680 marks and 1.124.60 yen.

Other dollar rates in Europe at mid-morning, compared with late Thursday:

— 1.6675 West German marks, down from 1.6705  
— 1.3865 Swiss francs, up from 1.3832  
— 5.6680 French francs, down from 5.6685  
— 1.8700 Dutch guilders, down from 1.8715  
— 1.241.20 Italian lire, up from 1,240.50  
— 1.2295 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2297

## Lower

Elsewhere in the world's stock markets, Tokyo was closed for the birthday of Emperor Hirohito. Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average had on Thursday closed lower in languid trading, down 6.63 at 2,041.28 points.

French shares began the main session today with the bourse indicator down 0.34 per cent and most stocks in Frankfurt were lower in quiet trading.

North Sea oil traded for June delivery between \$16.89 and \$16.93 a barrel, about 50 cents below prices earlier this week.

Oil has eased as traders have become less confident than an Opec meeting in Vienna will agree on joint cuts in surplus production with several producers from outside the organisation.

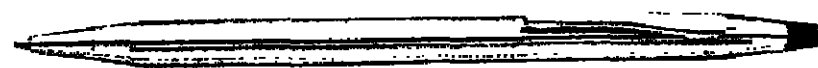
Gold also gained support earlier in the week from fears of oil-led inflationary pressure.

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## SPORTS

## Millwall seek place in First Division

LONDON, April 29. (Reuters): The London docklands, where million-dollar riverside apartments have replaced redundant cranes and decaying warehouses, could soon be reverberating to the noise of First Division soccer fans.

While the young professional, or yuppie, newcomers to London's East End may dread the thought of visits from Chelsea, Arsenal and West Ham United fans, Millwall Football Club have gone decidedly upwardly mobile.

Millwall, who will be seeking to consolidate their place at the top of division two when they meet visiting Stoke City tomorrow, were formed in 1883 and remain the only London club never to have played in the First Division.

But like the surrounding neighbourhood, Millwall are trying to throw off their tough image and there has been talk of a new super-stadium to replace their present headquarters in the quaintly-named cold blow lane.

Though their die-hard supporters would turn pale at the notion, the club may also seek more up-market name for any new stadium.

**Closed**  
Nicknamed The Lions, Millwall quite properly play at the Den, which has been closed on occasions by the football authorities because of the quite improper behaviour of the club's following, traditionally drawn from the nearby docks.

Two points clear of second-placed Aston Villa in a game in hand, Millwall are confident they can attain First Division status and greatly increase their attendances next season.

They have two of the brightest attractions in English football at present in twin-strikers Tony Casarino and Teddy Sheringham — 45 goals between them — and play a refreshingly attacking game.

Their long-term supporters are even now relishing the prospect of facing Liverpool in the Den, though how they will react if their favourite meat-pie stall is converted into a quiche parlour only time will tell.

At one stage earlier in the season, Aston Villa appeared near-certain to regain their place in the top flight, but a run of disappointing home results have placed them in peril.

Villa have taken just 31 points from 21 home games compared to 43 points from the same number of away matches, allowing Bradford City, Blackburn Rovers, Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace to enter the frame.

## NYSTROM OVERCOMES BERGSTROM

## Becker sails past Nijssen



Becker had an easy time

HAMBURG, West Germany, April 29. (Reuters): Top seed Boris Becker, more used to playing in milder climates, nonetheless mastered blustery and overcast conditions yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the West German Open men's tennis tournament.

The Monte Carlo-based West German's task was not too difficult. His opponent was Dutchman Tom Nijssen, ranked 147th in the world, who had to undergo three rounds of qualifying competition to make it into the tournament proper.

## Wearing

Taking note of the often bitterly cold weather, Nijssen began the match still wearing a track-suit. He soon warmed up, but not enough to trouble Becker, who won 6-2 6-4 in one hour 40 minutes.

Second seed Kent Carlsson of Sweden was equally clinical, dispatching West Germany's Tore Meinecke 6-4 6-2.

But Carlsson's fourth-seeded compatriot Joakim Nystrom struggled before overcoming fellow-Swede Christian Bergstrom 5-7 7-6 (6-6) 6-1 in two hours 38 minutes.

Fifth seed Henri Leconte, Nystrom's next opponent, also made heavy going a 7-5 2-6 7-6 (7-5) victory over Hansjoerg Schwaier of West Germany.

Running around too much in an attempt to get warm, Frenchman Leconte pulled a muscle. In typically mercurial fashion, Leconte thereafter began playing better.

"I expected the match to be close. I was prepared to have a tough match today," Leconte said.

While the youngsters huffed and puffed their way seriously into the last eight, Argentine veteran Guillermo Vilas plegmatically overcame Australian Darren Cahill 6-3 4-6 6-1.

Vilas, 35, won this tournament in 1978 and in contrast to the likes of Becker, who wants to play less, said he would compete in 23 events this year. In the quarterfinals Vilas plays Spain's Jordi Arrese, who beat Austria's Horst Skoff 1-6 7-5 6-4.

In an all-Argentine clash, seventh seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan beat Francisco Yunis 7-6 (7-4) 6-1 and was to play Becker today, while Switzerland's Claudio Mezzadri defeated West German Ricki Osterthun 7-6 (7-4) 6-1 in two hours 18 minutes.

Fifth seed Henri Leconte, Nys-

## England and Spain held in friendlies

## W. Germans outlast Swiss

LONDON, April 29. (AP): West Germany, England, Spain and the Irish Republic all produced shut-out performances in the run-up to this summer's European Soccer Championships on Wednesday.

But all displayed worrying weaknesses, while Denmark, another of the eight finalists, tumbled to a 1-0 defeat in Austria.

West Germany, host and favourite to win the European tourney, scraped a 1-0 victory over Switzerland in Kaiserlautern, while England tied 0-0 with Hungary in Budapest and Spain was held by the same score by Scotland in Madrid.

**Best**  
Of the teams going to the finals, the Irish Republic produced the best result, a 2-0 triumph over Yugoslavia in Dublin. But neither goal was scored by a striker.

On a busy night of exhibition soccer action across Europe, Sweden crushed Wales 4-1 and Northern Ireland tied 0-0 with former European champion France.

A lone strike by Juergen Klinsmann from an inspired pass by Lothar Matthaeus provided West Germany's narrow victory over the Swiss despite long spells

of pressure by the home side.

Some 30,000 fans saw the Germans squander chances and yet display alarming lapses at the back. Although Swiss goalkeeper Joel Corninboeuf prevented a more decisive victory for the home side, West German coach Franz Beckenbauer admitted he had a few problems.

"We deserved to win. We had more chances. But we also showed some defensive weaknesses at the end," Beckenbauer said.

England was forced to field a makeshift defence against Hungary in the Nep stadium with an untied Second Division player, Gary Pallister, at the heart of the rearguard.

While his First Division colleagues looked flustered as Hungary's inventive midfielder Lajos Detari worried them into errors, Pallister stayed cool and he was one of the stars of a much improved second half showing by England, particularly when Monica's Glenn Hoddle entered the game with half an hour remaining.

Ireland's first goal against a reshaped Yugoslav side was an own goal by goalkeeper Dragoje Lekovic, who punched the ball into his own net under pressure from Mick McCarthy.

The Yugoslavs, who had centre-back Marko Elsner sent off in the last minute for a second cautionable foul, wilted under pressure from corners and both goals stemmed from flag kicks taken by John Sheridan, another English Second Division player.

Kevin Moran, another Irish defender, headed the second at the near post.

An own goal also settled the match in Vienna, where Denmark's Klaus Berggreen rolled the ball past his own 'keeper, under pressure from the striker he teams up with in Italy, FC Torino's Toni Polster.

**Erratic**  
Only 5,000 fans turned up in Madrid's 90,000-capacity Bernabeu stadium to see Spain held by the erratic Scots. Michel hit the post for Spain ten minutes from time.

In Stockholm, two goals by Hans Holmquist, and further strikes by Glenn Stromberg and Hans Eskilsson, swept aside the Welsh, who replied through Glyn Hodges.

The Swedes confirmed the form that won them the four-nation Easter tournament in Berlin, which also included soccer powerhouses Argentina, West Germany and the Soviet Union.

## Louganis and Joyner-Kersey honoured

WASHINGTON, April 29. (AP): Diver Greg Louganis was named the US Olympic Committee's 1987 Sportsman of the Year and track and field star Jackie Joyner-Kersey again was selected as the top sportswoman yesterday.

Joyner-Kersey became the first to win the women's award in successive years. Louganis also won previously, taking the award in 1982. They were chosen by a panel of the media, members of the Athletics Advisory Council and USOC officials.

The awards were presented by Vice-President George Bush in a ceremony across from the White House honouring more than 50 athletes of the year from 43 Olympic sports.

**Board**  
The presentations highlighted the first full day of meetings by the USOC house of delegates and executive board.

During 1987, Louganis excelled at the US Olympic festival, the US Outdoor Championships and the Pan American Games.

Joyner-Kersey, the world record holder in the heptathlon and long jump, won 20 of 24 events last year, including two titles at the World Championships in Rome.

## McEnroe thrashes Ederberg

ATLANTA, April 29. (UPI): John McEnroe, playing near-flawless tennis, continued his domination over Stefan Ederberg, routing the world's No. 3 player 6-1, 6-4 yesterday in the second round of the \$500,000 AT and T challenge.

McEnroe frustrated his Swedish opponent with jamming first serves, steady groundstrokes and crisp passing shots that kept Ederberg off balance throughout the 87-minute match.

McEnroe, who advanced to the semifinals of the round-robin tournament, holds an 8-1 record against Ederberg, including a 6-2 6-2 victory against the Swede two weeks ago in Tokyo and a 6-3, 6-4 triumph Monday night in a California exhibition.

He doesn't feel that comfortable playing me," said McEnroe, a former No. 1 now 15. "The first couple of times we played I beat him convincingly. Hopefully, I'll keep that mental edge and I think my game stacks up well against him."

## Paired

Ederberg can reach the semifinals with a victory over Connors this evening.

In later matches, Jimmy Connors beat Slobodan Slobodanovic 6-1, 6-4 and Andre Gomez was paired against Amos Mansdorf.

The Connors-Zivojinovic match often resembled a comic performance but Connors kept his concentration throughout the jokes.

At one point in the second set, Connors told the hard-serving Yugoslavian he could use his serve. Zivojinovic responded by saying he could use Connors' vaunted service return.

Connors then used a lull in the match to grab a linesman's chair, placed it at the service line and stood in it to deliver a serve, which the 6-foot-4 Zivojinovic smacked back for a winner.

## Gundersen wins decathlon

PHILADELPHIA, April 29. (Reuters): Norway's Knut Gundersen did not win an event on Wednesday but his overall consistency enabled him to capture the decathlon title at the Penn Relays Track and Field Carnival.

Gundersen, a student at Mount Saint Mary's College in Maryland, finished the two-day competition at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin field with 7,316 points.

Americans Peter Hunt and Mark Ivanov were second and third. Hunt, from Princeton University, had 7,217 points.



McEnroe: in form

"That's what people come out to see — that enjoyment, something else besides great tennis," Connors said.

Connors took only 69 minutes to beat Zivojinovic, then said he will take several weeks off after this tournament to rest a chronic foot injury.

"It's bothered me for the last three weeks," he said. "It's just a pain in the foot as opposed to a pain in the uh, toe."

Connors, 35, said the only way to heal the injury is with surgery, but he said he had no plans to have an operation that would virtually end his playing career.

"If I get surgery, then I'm finished," he said.

## Serve

Playing in windy conditions, McEnroe ripped through the first five games of the match before Ederberg held serve. McEnroe, who fired seven aces, then served out the opening set and immediately broke Ederberg for his advantage in the second.

"He played rather well," said Ederberg, playing his first American clay court tournament in six years. "I never really had a chance."

McEnroe, attempting to return to the top of the tennis world, was pleased with his play but said he must regain the "split-second decisions that just come naturally," on court.

"Anyone can beat a guy on a given day," he said. "But consistency in beating them is the key."

## Floyd and Norman share lead

THE WOODLANDS, Texas, April 29. (Reuters): American Ray Floyd and Greg Norman of Australia posted seven-under-par 65s yesterday to share the lead after the first round of play in the \$700,000 Houston Open golf tournament.

Floyd, the 1985 champion here, and Norman, who won in his last US start two weeks ago, each had seven birdies without a bogey.

Floyd, who played in the group in front of Norman, used a three-birdie burst early in his round to set the tone for the day and he closed with birdies on two of his final three holes.

"I haven't played a round like this in a long time," said Floyd, the 1986 US Open champ. "I putted well and that's important because you aren't going to beat many people out here if you don't make the putts."

Norman had a near identical round with three consecutive birdies of his own in the early going and birdies on two of his three final holes.

## Fired

"I played right behind Ray and I saw him making all those birdies out there and that got me fired up," said Norman. "I'm feeling loose and confident. I'm enjoying my golf at the moment."

The two hold a one-shot edge over American Hal Sutton who posted a six-under-par 66 in the afternoon while compatriot Mike Donald is two shots back after a five-under-par 67.

Britain's Ian Woosnam struggled to a one-over-par 73 despite an eagle two on the seventh hole and his eight shots off the pace.

Defending champion Jay Haas of the US had an even-par 72 while countrymen Curtis Strange, Tom Kite and Payne Stewart put themselves into contention for the \$126,000 first place prize by opening with three-under-par 69s.

## Portuguese Open

QUINTA DO LAGO, Portugal, April 29. (Reuters): Britain's Derrick Cooper, who had his first European golf tour success in the Madrid Open on Sunday, shared the lead after the first round of the Portuguese Open on Thursday.

Cooper, 32, and American Billy Mayall both shot four-under-par 68s to end the day one shot clear of 10 other golfers.

## No cooperation or appreciation within KTMSD: Khoury

By Gail Seery

Wael Khoury, formerly Clerk of the Court for the KTMSD rallies, told the Arab Times that he was "deeply disappointed" at the lack of appreciation shown by members.

Khoury and his organising committee resigned after the last local rally, as the result of an incident in which a committee member was assaulted.

This, Khoury explains, was symptomatic of the problems he had encountered since he took office in January. "I feel I hate rallies as much as I liked them before. We worked hard to try to make things better, but there was no appreciation." He is convinced that any further effort will go to waste as although the ideas are there, the members seem opposed to change.

Khoury was a founding member of the club, having been a driver from 1978 until 81, when he left Kuwait to work in England for a year. When he came back he assisted Faez Chihab in organising events, and had been contemplating a return to active participation as a driver. When the election for the new committee took place last November, he found himself voted in to his position by the members.

**Professional**  
"When I accepted the position, I had it in mind to promote and improve rallies in Kuwait and to make the organisation of the events more professional. I wanted it to be more than just a group of drivers going out and driving around the desert. I had a lot of ideas." During his travels, Khoury saw the Lombard RAC rally, and also some Gulf rallies, and these played a large part in shaping his ambitions for the Kuwait Club.

"I formed an organising committee, and tried to delegate the duties. The organising people were good, with clean minds and professional backgrounds." Khoury feels that not only did he strengthen safety measures taken before the event, introducing medical tests for the first time, but he also upgraded the level of competition. "The stages were chosen to provide a challenge for



Wael Khoury at work

driver, car and co-driver," he explained.

The first rally of the season was a success, with a record number of entries, and a lot of marshalls, who were placed at strategic intervals throughout the course to ensure that no irregularities took place. It certainly looked as if Kuwait rallies were entering a more positive era.

The International rally brought with it the first indications that nothing was going to change and that hard work brought no support either from rank and file members, or from senior committee members.

## Publicity

"We had only a short time available to organise the event," recalls Khoury. The new committee took office at the start of the year, and in that brief time had to prepare a rally to as high a standard as possible. Sadly, the actual rally is obscured by the two major controversies that hit the organisers, the Fisa fiasco and the Toyota team's protest. However, Khoury's memories dwell less on those difficult moments than on the sheer difficulty of doing so much work in so little time.

The rallies are organised by a special committee, appointed by the Clerk of the Course, who in this case was elected in a ballot of members. However, that committee reports to the main committee of seven members. The

organising committee has responsibility only for the technicalities of the rally, and requires back-up from the main committee.

"There was no backup," says Khoury flatly. The chasing of publicity and sponsors should have been done by the main committee. "There was no support from some of the committee members. This had been noticed in the first rally and those members had promised to help out in the International. We had only a very short time to work, and there was certainly no time for blaming people."

The organising committee, and in particular Wael Khoury, Jack Lubbat and Abdulla Barkawi had to do everything themselves, even down to carrying the typewriters and equipment into the rally office.

Khoury took a week off work, and his wife left the country during the lead up to the event. "There were sleepless nights until the day of the rally. We even had to arrange flights and accommodation for the visitors. Perhaps it would not have been a problem if we had known we were not going to be helped when we started. But we expected that everybody would work."

Khoury makes it clear that these criticisms do not apply to every committee member, and nor does he want any names mentioned. "There were people on the committee who are only interested in power and prestige



Chihab: at centre of the problem

or in their own driving and sponsorship. There was not enough support."

Even so, the Fisa representative, Bruno Moretti from Italy told Khoury in a telephone conversation, that this year's International had, in fact, scored the highest points ever for a Kuwait Rally — even higher than last year's event.

"After the international, we had a meeting and reviewed the previous two rallies, looking at where there were mistakes and at what we could do to ensure it would be better in future. We didn't give up because we felt we had done something worthwhile and wanted to improve the rallies, despite the lack of support from KTMSD."

## Attended

For the third round, on April 15, we had nice new stages, the best used in Kuwait, and a very good level of competition, with a good turnout of drivers, despite there being only a short gap between the two events. There was still no support from the main committee however, and it looked at first as if there would be no rally. Khoury had even planned to sponsor the event out of his own pocket, just to make sure that rallies continued in Kuwait.

"I was aware that there was a lot of bad feeling against the committee among the drivers and called a meeting, which was attended by all the main groups

of drivers currently participating. I explained the problems and how they could help." Khoury had then been convinced that it was the wrong time to quit and that it was worth another try. Khoury had wanted to try and explain to the drivers how to promote rallies in Kuwait. "It was an opportunity for a gathering and exchange of ideas," and he felt it had worked.

It was only at the end of the rally that Khoury despaired. A protest against Faez Chihab had been brought. It was alleged that he had driven into Stage 9 without a windscreen. This matter was not decided by the organisers, and was correctly referred to the stewards of the event. They spoke to the start marshalls for the stage, who were adamant that Chihab's windscreen had been acceptable.

On being shown a photograph of the damage to Chihab's car, Khoury was prepared to admit that the windscreen might not have been allowable, but stressed that this decision was within the jurisdiction of the stewards, and that he personally had no part in making the judgement.

When Jack Lubbat posted the results he was assaulted. It was this that proved the last straw for Khoury, and after completing formalities for the rally he notified the club and the Arab Times of his decision to quit. However, in an attempt to bring calm to the situation, he declined to make a statement until tem-

pers had cooled.

"The correct thing to have done would have been to protest to the competitor's relations officer. They had the right to do this." However, once the result had been posted for an hour they then became official, and the committee's subsequent decision to alter those results was, according to Khoury, outside their jurisdiction. The ASN (national sporting authority) should, perhaps have been brought in at this point. He is bitter about the lateness of the committee's response. "Finally they worked," he remarked. "The drivers don't seem to be aware of the regulations, despite the fact that they're available in English and Arabic."

"After I saw the way the drivers appreciated the work I'd done, and the lack of support from the committee members, I saw that I had to resign. I can't see that I would ever be willing to reconsider my decision."

As for the KTMSD, "they are in big trouble now. They should be working on future events, and especially on next year's international."

## Biased

"Over the years I've been involved with the club I have never seen an improvement. We need to look at it from scratch. Maybe this hasn't been the right way to do it. They need a rally director working full time, who has the authority to make decisions, and who is not biased by being a driver himself. That would be better than a seven man committee holding one meeting a month, at which you are unlikely to see all seven members present at once."

The other alternative Khoury sees, is for the KT Club to allow other parties with the necessary organisation skills and power, to hold rallies in Kuwait. "They should do this for the good of rallies, and accept that the present set up is not working."

"I am very disappointed. My wife is also disappointed, as my family were prepared to make sacrifices because they thought I was doing something worthwhile. In the months we were working for rallies we have achieved a great deal, but it has all been spoiled."

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## SPORTS

## Pakistan forced to compromise: Intikhab

LONDON, April 29, (Reuters): Pakistan's cricket team were forced to compromise over an incident in which Abdul Qadir hit a spectator because they had no time to contest the issue, manager Intikhab Alam said on his arrival here from the Caribbean yesterday.

The rumour happened during the last day of the final Test against West Indies in Bridgetown on Wednesday and resulted in Qadir facing an assault charge which was dropped when the parties settled out of court.

But Intikhab told Reuters in a telephone interview from his London hotel that his team's departure only a few hours after the Test was used to pressurise them into a compromise.

Intikhab said he paid the spectator, 22-year-old unemployed Albert Auguste, \$1,000.

"If we want to fight the case we would have had to stay for an extra two weeks," said the Pakistani manager.

Intikhab said he wanted to clarify the Pakistan team's point of view about the incident, "which is regretted."

He said in a statement: "Abdul Qadir and other players were subjected to a barrage of invective, filthy abuse and vulgar remarks by the spectator over the last few days.

"His continued abuse and derogatory remarks about Pakistan provoked Qadir into manhandling him."

"The spectator was able to get a summons based on a medical report which claimed that he was hit on the hand. As we were told that proceedings would take two weeks and Qadir would have to stay back, we decided to compromise."

"We feel strongly that the timing of the departure of the team was used to pressurise and force us into the compromise because of expediency. We agreed on this course."

"I would like to draw a parallel with the Sylvester Clarke incident at Multan during the 1980-81 series when Clarke caused grievous bodily harm to a spectator."

"However, in the interests of the good relations and goodwill, the local administration and Pakistan's cricket board persuaded everyone concerned to settle the matter without the use of a summons."

Intikhab said that although West Indies cricket board officials were present at the Test on Wednesday, they did not intervene.

"I shall be reporting the incident to my cricket board when I return to Pakistan," added Intikhab.

RESULTS of Sheraton Ladies Bridge Club games played at the Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday morning:

N/S  
1. Nahil Akil and Lollo Mordwaite  
2. Sonia Banayana and Ronda Finais  
3. Rima Farah and Nicole Iskandar

E/W  
1. Margaret Maynard and Daphne El Saad  
2. Suzanne Cattermole and Dona Matery  
3. Rima Ayad and Hala Khoury

**Ivan Lendl**  
WASHINGTON, April 29, (Reuters): A bill granting immediate US citizenship for Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl, the world's top-ranked tennis player, was approved by the House of Representatives yesterday.

"Most and more people come in as the streak goes on," he said yesterday just after the Orioles dropped their 21st straight game to set a new American League record for futility.

The Orioles' 4-2 loss to the Minnesota Twins pushed them past the 1943 Philadelphia Athletics to set the new American League mark.

The Major League baseball record for consecutive losses, 23, was set in 1961 by the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League. That was the same year Orioles manager Frank Robinson won the National League Most Valuable Player award while playing for the Cincinnati Reds.

## BENJAMIN AND DUJON SNATCH WIN FOR CARIBBEAN SIDE

## West Indies overcome Pakistan in thriller

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 29, (Reuters): Winston Benjamin, playing in only his fourth Test, and Jeff Dujon shared a ninth wicket stand of 61 that fired West Indies to a two-wicket win over Pakistan — and a share of the series — in the third and final cricket Test on Wednesday.

Benjamin, primarily a fast-medium bowler, struck an unbeaten 40 and wicketkeeper Dujon made 29 not out as West Indies, who needed 266 to win, recovered from 207 for eight and triumphed on a gripping fifth and last day.

The match-winning partnership between the newcomer and the more experienced Dujon took 67 minutes, sealing victory at 268 for eight shortly after lunch and ensuring West Indies maintained a 15-year unbeaten sequence in Test series in the Caribbean.

**Helped**  
The result set off joyous scenes of dancing and jumping among 4,000 spectators at Kensington Oval, where West Indies have not lost since 1934, and helped to erase the memory of a sour incident that marked the morning session.

Pakistan leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, who was fielding at long leg, punched a spectator who heckled him. Play was held up briefly and resumed after tour manager Intikhab Alam came on to the field and Qadir was moved to another position.

Qadir was involved in the rumour midway through the first session when, fielding on the boundary, he was heckled and jeered by a section of the crowd after looking upset at umpire David Archer's refusal to uphold his appeal against Dujon for a bat-pat.

The spectator concerned in the incident, Albert Auguste, said he told Qadir "that he must bowl something proper." Auguste said Qadir then came up and

punched him in the chest and on his right hand.

The clash reflected the tension of a gripping final act in a closely-fought match, with West Indies resuming on 154 for five and needing a further 112 to win.

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